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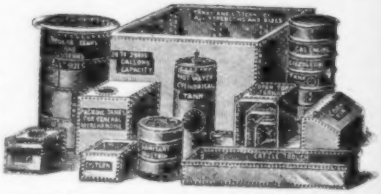

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The objects and work of the Branch are described on p. 919.

Attention is called to the notice on p. 864 regarding the Exhibition at Birmingham, and the forthcoming Exhibitions at Manchester and Bristol, of samples of "enemy" goods formerly sold in British and in certain other markets abroad.

Attention is also directed to the following samples which are on view at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

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Dress Materials of German Manufacture from Italy... ...	22nd June, 1916	780
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OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

New Sources of Supply Required.

Since the outbreak of the war, applications have been received at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from a

Openings for British Trade.

UNITED KINGDOM—*continued.*

large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom, and abroad, who wish to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers or producers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Applications from firms (A) at home, and (B) abroad, for the names of manufacturers or producers of the following (amongst other) articles, have been recorded during the past week:—

A.

Brushes, hair, with mirror backs.
Chemicals—
- Alum, lump.
- Manganese dioxide, for Leclanché batteries.

Combs, horn and non-inflammable.
Duplicators, composition.
Electrical novelties.
Furniture, office, made in steel.
Gelatines, high class, for photographic purposes.
Glassware—
- Glass screw cap jars, 1 lb. and ½ lb. capacity.

Grasses, artificial.
Hair nets, silk.
Honey sections, glazed.
Lamp burners, cheap, for Indian markets.
Machinery—
- Bronzing machines, vacuum hand.

Machinery—*continued.*
- For flattening and heading nails.
- For knitting gas mantles.
- For making dominoes.
- For producing farina.
- For producing glucose.

Metal plates, enamelled, for domestic use.
Paper, waxed, for honey.
Scissors, steel, manicure.
Textiles—
- Blankets, for the Colonies.
- Ribbon, for perfumery trade.

Toys—
- Dolls' dresses.
- Dolls' hair and wigs.
- Toys, mechanical and non-mechanical.

Wheels, small, cast metal.
Yeast, palm.

B.

Machinery for making soup. (Spain).

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N.B.—With reference to the following notices relative to openings for trade in the Self-Governing Dominions and elsewhere abroad, it should be borne in mind that postage must be prepaid on all communications addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the Dominions, and to H.M. Consular Officers in foreign countries. Care should be taken to ensure correct stamping, particularly when catalogues are sent. Packages sent at reduced rates by the Printed and Commercial Papers Post should be sent open (see page 58 of the current issue of the Post Office Guide).

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Openings for British Trade.

NOTICE TO EXPORTERS.

In reading the following notices of possible openings for United Kingdom goods abroad, regard should be had to the necessity for taking strict precautions against trading with the enemy—*see* Notice to Importers and Exporters published on pp. 428-31 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18th May,—also to the restrictions on trading in certain goods and the special regulations in regard to trading with certain countries, which have been notified from time to time in the "Board of Trade Journal." References to the more important restrictions on trading are given below :—

Prohibited Exports.—See complete and revised list of prohibited exports on pp. 341-354 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11th May (the list is re-printed in the Supplement to the "Journal" of 18th May); see also p. 585 of the "Journal" of 1st June, pp. 649-50 of the "Journal" of 8th June, and pp. 874-76 of this issue.

Licences to Export.—Applications for licences to export any goods the exportation of which is prohibited or restricted should be made to the War Trade Department, 4, Central Buildings, Westminster, London, S.W., except in the cases of goods contracted for with Allied Governments, and leather for French army boots, in which cases applications should be addressed to the Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement, India House, Kingsway, London, W.C. The grant of a licence to export goods does not relieve the owner or other person of responsibility for any breach of law, or regulations, *e.g.*, the Law relating to Trading with the Enemy.

War Material.—For particulars regarding the goods which the Army Council and the Ministry of Munitions have declared to be "War Material," and for trading in or negotiating the sale or purchase of which permits are required, see pp. 21-3 of the "Journal" of 6th April; see also pp. 166-7 of the "Journal" of 20th April; pp. 359-60 of the "Journal" of 11th May; p. 435 of the "Journal" of 18th May; p. 662 of the "Journal" of 8th June; p. 730 of the "Journal" of 15th June; pp. 791-2 of the "Journal" of 22nd June; and p. 877 of this issue.

Re-exports to British Ports Oversea.—For arrangements as to these see p. 455 of the "Journal" of 17th February.

Enemy Firms in Foreign Countries.—The consolidated Statutory List of Enemy Firms in Foreign Countries with whom trading is prohibited appeared on pp. 495-528 of the "Journal" of 25th May. For information as to amendments in the List see pp. 650-6 of the "Journal" of 8th June, and pp. 784-9 of the "Journal" of 22nd June.

Consignees in the Netherlands, Denmark, and Switzerland.—Arrangements have been made for the consignment of goods to special bodies in these countries, see notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" as follows :—

Netherlands.—p. 373, 6th May, 1915; pp. 17-18, 1st July, 1915; pp. 88-9, 14th October, 1915; and p. 447, 18th November, 1915.

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NOTICE TO EXPORTERS—*continued.*

Denmark.—p. 624, 2nd March; p. 937, 30th March; p. 279, 4th May; and p. 790, 22nd June.

Switzerland.—pp. 806-7, 23rd December, 1915; p. 387, 10th February; pp. 455-6, 17th February; p. 857, 23rd March; and pp. 812-23, 22nd June.

Exports to Norway.—See notice on p. 530 of the "Journal" of 25th May.

Exports to Russia *viâ* Archangel and White Sea Ports.—See notice on p. 220 of the "Journal" of 27th April.

Exports to Switzerland, Spain and Italy *viâ* France.—See notice on pp. 382-5 of the "Journal" of 11th May; and also (as regards Switzerland) p. 740 of the "Journal" of 15th June.

Approved Consignees in China* and Siam.—See notices on p. 952 of the "Journal" of 30th September, 1915; and p. 793 of the "Journal" of 22nd June.

Approved Consignees in Liberia.—See notices on pp. 274-5 of the "Journal" of 4th May; also p. 656 of the "Journal" of 8th June; and p. 792 of the "Journal" of 22nd June.

CANADA.

Woollen Goods; Dress Goods Materials.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada (Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes) reports that an agent in Montreal, who formerly represented German and Austrian firms, desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *woollens* and *dress goods materials*. The enquirer is prepared if desired to come to the United Kingdom to make arrangements.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, desiring to appoint an agent in Montreal, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. In making application the reference number (203) should be quoted.

(C.I.B. 24,605.)

The following enquiries have been received at the Offices of the High Commissioner for Canada, 19, Victoria Street, London, S.W., *whence further information may be obtained*:— (C.I.B. 24,498.)

Home Enquiries.

Frames for Handbags.

A London firm of manufacturers of frames for ladies' handbags is desirous of getting into touch with makers of handbags in Canada who require supplies of frames.

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* The Royal Proclamation prohibiting exports to China unless consigned to authorised persons or bodies of persons *does not apply to Hong Kong*, being a British Colony.

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CANADA—*continued.*

Canadian Canned Products *wanted.*

A London merchant firm is desirous of getting into touch with Canadian producers of canned or bottled fruits, honey, canned fish, canned meat and other foodstuffs.

Canadian Barytes *wanted.*

A Liverpool firm is in the market for barytes, and asks for names of Canadian producers.

Canadian Permanganate of Potash *wanted.*

Enquiry is made by a Birmingham firm for the names of Canadian manufacturers of permanganate of potash (B. P. standard).

Canadian Grain and Produce *wanted.*

A London firm wishes to get into touch with Canadian grain and produce exporters wishing to develop business in Belgium after the war.

Canadian Barytes, Zinc Oxide, Cobalt, etc. *wanted.*

A London firm is in the market for supplies of Canadian barytes, zinc oxide, cobalt, and other minerals.

CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

Stamp Albums; Philatelic Accessories.

A correspondent at Vancouver asks for names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *postage stamp albums, stamp hinges, stamp tongs, magnifying glasses, watermark detectors, etc.*

Building Trade Specialities.

A Toronto correspondent wishes to act as agent for the sale of *building trade specialities,* including *hardware, roof tiles and sanitary ware,* and enquires for names of United Kingdom manufacturers.

Market sought for— **Canadian Canned Salmon.**

A Vancouver firm wishes to get into touch with brokers in the United Kingdom desirous of doing business in supplies of canned salmon.

☞ *Note.*—For further information regarding any of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 19, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

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The following enquiries have been received at the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., *whence further information may be obtained:—* (C.I.B. 25,031.)

HOME ENQUIRY.

Canadian Felspar *wanted.*

Enquiries as to the possibility of obtaining Canadian felspar suitable for china makers are made by several United Kingdom users of the material.

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CANADA—*continued.*

Canadian Enquiries.

Novelties and Smallwares.

A firm of manufacturers' agents in Montreal is desirous of securing the representation throughout the Dominion of United Kingdom manufacturers of *novelties* and *smallwares*. Arrangements can be discussed with the firm's representative in the United Kingdom.

Glass Eyes; Wigs for Dolls.

A Canadian firm of toy manufacturers wishes to obtain supplies of *glass eyes*, and also *wigs for dolls*, and invites samples and quotations from United Kingdom manufacturers.

Hides, Pelts, Skins and Wool.

A Quebec company, which imports hides, pelts, skins and wool of all kinds, invites offers from United Kingdom shippers.

Shearlings.

A Montreal clothing manufacturing company asks to be placed in touch with brokers handling shearlings, more particularly those coming from the Cape.

Market sought for **Iron Ore.**

A Quebec firm, in a position to export iron ore, invites enquiries from United Kingdom firms.

Market sought for **Canadian Cod Liver Oil.**

A New Brunswick firm, claiming to be in a position to obtain considerable supplies of cod liver oil, would be glad to get into touch with United Kingdom firms wishing to purchase this article.

Market sought for **Canadian Corned Beef and Vegetables.**

A Western Canadian company, claiming to be in a position to supply corned beef, dried peas, navy beans, sliced or desiccated potatoes, sliced carrots, onions and turnips (evaporated), asks to be placed in communication with United Kingdom buyers.

☛ *Note.*—For further information regarding any of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

AUSTRALIA.

The Melbourne Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia has forwarded a copy of the specification and form of tender in connection with a call for tenders by the Victorian Government Railways, as follows:—

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AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Copper Sheets.

Sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received up to 11 a.m. on 19th July,* by the Victorian Railways Commissioners, Spencer Street, Melbourne, for the supply and delivery of approximately 25 cwts. of *best soft rolled copper sheets* for engines, cars, maintenance and stock. (Contract No. 30,202.)

Copies of the specification and form of tender, etc. may be *obtained* at the offices of the Victorian Railway Commissioners, Melbourne. *Tenders must be accompanied by a preliminary deposit of £1. Local representation is necessary.*

The above-mentioned copy of the specification and form of tender may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 24,984.)

The Melbourne Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia has also forwarded a copy of the tender form and conditions of tender in connection with a call for tenders by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, as follows :—

Standard Battery Material.

Sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, up to 3 p.m. on 8th August*, for the supply and delivery in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, and Hobart, of *standard battery material*, including *pots, porous jars, zinc, carbon rods, chemicals, etc.* (Schedule No. 1,327).

Copies of the specifications, and conditions of tender, etc., may be *obtained* from the offices of the Deputy Postmaster-General. Preliminary deposits may be paid at the offices of the High Commissioner in London for the Commonwealth of Australia, 72, Victoria Street, S.W.

A deposit of 2 per cent. on the first £500, and of 1 per cent. on the amount above that sum, is required with each tender; minimum deposit £2. The tenderer, if not resident in Australia, or if a company registered outside the Commonwealth, must name an agent in Australia to receive notifications of acceptance and other notices under the contract.

The above-mentioned copy of the tender form, etc. may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of battery material at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 24,980.)

Electric Power and Lighting Plant.

According to the May issue of the "Commonwealth Engineer" (Melbourne), the Frankston Gas Company, which proposes to instal an electric generating plant, has applied for an authorisation for electric lighting within the Municipality.

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* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited and, this intimation will therefore be of use only to firms having agents in the Commonwealth who can be instructed by cable.

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NEW ZEALAND.

Electric Lighting Plant and Material.

According to the May issue of the "Commonwealth Engineer" (Melbourne), proposals for the installation of an electric lighting system for the Birkenhead and Northcote Districts (suburbs of Auckland) are being discussed by the respective Councils. A report has been prepared showing that an expenditure of £10,000 would meet requirements.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Agricultural Implements; Mining Machinery; Sacks; Leather Goods; Hardware; etc.

A Cape Town agent, at present in London, claiming twenty years' experience in South African trade, principally in connection with merchants and the mining and agricultural industries, desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *agricultural implements, mining machinery, sacks, leather goods, hardware, bolts, nuts and screws, etc.* See Notice to Exporters on pp. 853–4.

Communications in this connection should be addressed to the Secretary, Statistical and Information Department, London Chamber of Commerce, 97, Cannon Street, E.C. (C.I.B. 24,266.)

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Johannesburg (Lieut.-Col. C. A. C. Tremeer, D.S.O.) has forwarded a copy of the specification and tender form in connection with a call for tenders by the Johannesburg Municipal Council, as follows:—

Brown Leather.

Sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received by the Town Clerk, Johannesburg, up to noon on 15th August,* for the supply and delivery of *brown leather* for harness, etc., as required during a period of either six or twelve months from 1st October, 1916. The monthly requirements are approximately: heavy harness backs, 500 lbs.; rein backs, 100 lbs. (Contract No. 141.)

A full and complete sample of heavy harness back and rein back must be submitted by the date tenders are due to be received, to the Controller of Stores (Room 53), Municipal Offices, Johannesburg, from whom copies of the specification, etc. may be *obtained*.

The above-mentioned copy of the specification and form of tender may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of leather at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 24,453.)

Yorkshire Iron.

With reference to the notice on p. 643 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th June relative to a call for tenders by the South African Railways Administration for the supply and delivery of *best Yorkshire iron* for a period of twelve months, commencing

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited and this intimation will, therefore, be of use only to firms having agents in South Africa who can be instructed by cable.

Openings for British Trade.

SOUTH AFRICA—*continued.*

1st July, 1916 (Tender No. 715), the Imperial Trade Correspondent at Johannesburg reports that the time for the receipt of tenders has been extended, and that tenders will now be received by the Secretary to the Tender Board, South African Railways Headquarter Offices, Johannesburg, up to noon on 3rd July.* The time for the commencement of the twelve months' supply is correspondingly altered, and will commence on 1st October, 1916.

Copies of the specification and form of tender may be *obtained* from the Secretary to the Tender Board, as above.

A copy of the specification and form of tender may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of Yorkshire iron at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 22,083; 24,441.)

Water Supply Plant and Material.

The Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in South Africa reports that the issue of the "Cape Provincial Gazette" of 2nd June contains a notification to the effect that the Molteno Municipality (Cape Province) proposes to borrow £20,550 for the execution of a water supply scheme. (C.I.B. 24,342.)

GOLD COAST COLONY.

Cotton Goods; Motor Vehicles; Hardware; Wearing Apparel; Beads.

See article on "Trade of Gold Coast Colony in 1915," on p. 890.

RUSSIA.

Apparatus, Appliances, Models and Material for Scientific Research and for Demonstration Purposes.

The British Vice-Consul at Kieff (Mr. J. F. Douglas) reports that he has received an enquiry for United Kingdom sources of supply of the undermentioned goods, which before the war were supplied from Germany:—*Apparatus and appliances used in the study of physics, optical apparatus and appliances, anatomical and botanical models, geographical maps and globes, pictures for schoolroom walls (geographical, historical, ethnological, anatomical, etc.), pressed turf plates for entomological cases, appliances for catching insects in air or water, entomological pins and other entomological appliances, anatomical and dissecting instruments, ware used in chemistry, mineralogical instruments, biological material for collections and preparations, and models of machines and instruments.* See Notice to Exporters on pp. 853-4.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, and exporters of U.K. goods, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. In making application the reference number (204) should be quoted. (C.I.B. 24,747.)

* See Note at foot of previous page.

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FRANCE.

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) reports that he has received the following enquiries from local firms :—

Foodstuffs ; Canned Meats ; Hardware ; Nails ; Wire.

An agent in Lyons, who is a British subject, desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *foodstuffs*, including *canned meats ; also hardware, and nails and wire.* (Reference No. 206.) *See Note † following, and also Notice to Exporters on pp.* 853-4. (C.I.B. 24,437.)

Cotton and Woollen Yarns.

A firm of dealers in cotton and woollen yarns desires to represent, as selling agents in France, United Kingdom manufacturers of *cotton yarns ;* this firm would also act as selling agents in respect of *woollen yarns* when the restriction on the exportation of these goods from the United Kingdom is removed. (Reference No. 207.) *See Note † following, and also Notice to Exporters on pp.* 853-4. (C.I.B. 24,740.)

Note †.—United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, and exporters of U.K. goods, desirous of appointing agents in Lyons, may obtain the names and addresses of the enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. In making application the relative reference numbers should be quoted.

Resinous Soap.

The British Vice-Consul at Grenoble (Mr. J. Lewis) reports that an agent in that town desires to secure the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of *resinous soap* for paper making.

United Kingdom manufacturers of resinous soap for paper making, and exporters of U.K. goods, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. In making application the reference number (208) should be quoted.

(C.I.B. 24,552.)

SWITZERLAND.

Imitation Leather ; Oilcloth.

H.M. Consul at St. Gall (Mr. H. H. Gastrell) reports that there is a shortage in the St. Gall district of *imitation leather* made from wood pulp, and also of *oilcloth.*

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned, and exporters of U.K. goods, may obtain the names of firms interested in the importation of these goods into Switzerland on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 19,140.)

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PORTUGAL.

Plant and Material for Public Works: *See details in italics.*

With reference to the notices on p. 70 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 13th April and p. 421 of the issue of 18th May, relative to Bills (1) to authorise the Municipality of Amarante to contract a loan of up to 120,000 escudos for a *hydro-electric installation, market construction, water supply and sewerage systems*, and (2) to authorise the Municipality of Guimarães to raise a loan of 490,000 escudos for the *installation of an electric tramway system, the construction of a workmen's quarter, the laying out of a park, the erection of a new municipal building, and water supply systems*, it is notified that the "Diario do Governo" (Lisbon) of 6th June publishes the text of Laws based on the Bills referred to and sanctioning the raising of the loans required for the purposes mentioned.

Escudo = about 2s. 11d. at current rate of exchange.

SPAIN.

Building and Furnishing Material.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 5th June notifies that tenders will be opened at the "Dirección General de Correos y Telégrafos, Ministerio de la Gobernación," Madrid, on 1st July, for the construction of a building in Valladolid, to be used as a post and telegraph office. The cost of the work is estimated at 519,889 pesetas (about £22,000 at current rate of exchange). A maximum period of two years from the date of the award of the contract will be allowed for the completion of the works.

The issue of the "Gaceta" referred to, containing the conditions of contract and detailed particulars (in Spanish) regarding the stone, lime, cement, metals, woodwork, glass, paints, etc. to be employed, may be consulted by United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Although this contract will probably be awarded to a Spanish firm, nevertheless the carrying out of the works may involve the purchase of some material outside Spain.

ITALY.

Electric Railway Material.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" (Rome) of 12th June publishes a Decree approving a convention between the Italian Government and the "Roma-Nord" tramway and railway company for the construction and working of an electric railway from Rome to Viterbo, *viâ* Civitacastellana. *See Notice to Exporters on pp.* 853–4.

Openings for British Trade.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Dairy Utensils.

H.M. Consul at Galveston (Mr. A. J. Ogston) reports that a creamery company has been started in Beaumont (Texas) which is to be one of the modern central milk depôts of the South. The company is installing a milk pasteuriser, and it is expected that its activities will encourage many firms in the district to take up dairy-farming.

(C.I.B. 24,139.)

VENEZUELA.

Motor Cars.

H.M. Consul at Ciudad Bolivar (Mr. R. Cheney Hart) reports that the number of *motor cars* in his Consular district is constantly growing. In Ciudad Bolivar itself there are about 40 plying for hire, a remarkable number for a small town of only 15,000 inhabitants. It is hoped that these developments will give a much needed stimulus to road improvements, and should this prove to be the case, a large increase in motor vehicle traffic is to be expected. With the experience gained in building cars for the extremely severe service conditions, United Kingdom manufacturers after the war should be in a favourable position to secure a good proportion of the trade thereby created. The demand is for a light car with sufficient power to enable it to negotiate sand, steep hills and broken country. None of the cars at present on the market quite fills this need, and such a car would have a ready sale not only in the Ciudad Bolivar district but in other undeveloped parts of South America, where roads are non-existent and the need of some faster means of communication than the primitive ox-cart is every day more keenly felt. (C.I.B. 18,537.)

CHILE.

Tobacco.

The Acting British Consul at Santiago (Mr. T. C. Sargent) reports that an agent in that city desires to secure the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers of *tobacco.*

United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of tobacco, desirous of being represented in Santiago, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. In making application the reference number (209) should be quoted.

(C.I.B. 23,984.)

OPENINGS IN ALL COUNTRIES.

Confidential Information.

Firms in the United Kingdom desirous of receiving confidential information as to opportunities for the extension abroad of those branches of trade in which they are specially interested, and as to other connected matters, may, upon application, have their names placed on a Special Register at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

The confidential information communicated to firms so registered relates mainly to openings for British trade abroad, and is received from His Majesty's Consular Officers in Foreign Countries, from His Majesty's Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, and from the Board of Trade Correspondents in the Crown Colonies, supplemented by information from other sources available to the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

Firms inscribed on the Register may indicate the particular lines of trade to which the information to be sent to them should relate, and a classified list of subjects is sent to all applicants for registration with this object. During 1915, 849 separate circulars were issued (to the number of 383,888 copies) to firms on the Special Register interested in the particular branches of trade to which the circulars related.

The great volume of information distributed under this system has rendered it necessary to make a small charge for the service *which includes the regular supply of the weekly "Board of Trade Journal,"* and accordingly firms whose names are inscribed on the Register are required to pay an annual fee of One Guinea to the Accountant-General of the Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

The "Journal" itself contains a large amount of information as to openings for British trade abroad and as to other matters of interest to British traders generally. Information published in it is not repeated by circular to firms whose names are on the Special Register; the confidential information communicated to the latter is confined to matters which, at the time, have not been published in the "Journal," or are not intended to be published at all.

Firms in the United Kingdom who wish to have their names inscribed on the Special Register should apply in writing to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the necessary form of application.

N.B.—Admission to the Register, and retention upon it, are at the discretion of the Board of Trade.

EXHIBITIONS.

EXHIBITION OF SAMPLES OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN GOODS FROM ABROAD.

The collection of samples of German and Austrian goods made by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, through their correspondents (H.M. Trade Commissioners in the Dominions, Trade Correspondents in the Colonies, and Consuls in foreign countries), which has been shown in a number of industrial centres, has been exhibited during this week in the Town Hall, Birmingham. The Exhibition closes to-day, Thursday.

The collection is chiefly representative of German and Austrian goods sold within the Empire, but also contains samples of such from a number of foreign markets. Many additions to the collection have recently been made, and there are now about 8,000 samples in all.

The next Exhibition will be held in the School of Technology, Sackville Street, Manchester, from Monday, 10th, until Saturday, 15th July, and following that in the Merchant Venturers' College, Bristol, from Tuesday, 1st, until Saturday, 5th August.

Announcements regarding further Exhibitions will be made in due course.

EXHIBITION OF GERMAN CATALOGUES IN LONDON.

In order that British manufacturers may have an opportunity of familiarising themselves with German methods of publicity, the Board of Trade have collected over 5,000 specimen catalogues of German origin, and these may be inspected at the Foreign Samples Section of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

The collection, which is illustrative of a great variety of industries, includes, for example, nearly 1,000 catalogues of machinery, in addition to over 200 catalogues of machine tools. Recent additions have brought the number of toy catalogues up to about 300, including the productions of most of the well-known Nuremberg toy manufacturers; and in view of the progress made by British toy manufacturers these catalogues should prove of particular interest to firms engaged in the industry. There are also about 200 catalogues of fancy goods, over 70 of glassware, about 200 of hardware, and 520 of electrical goods.

One feature of the catalogues which is of especial interest to British manufacturers who are themselves publishing catalogues with a view to increasing their export trade, is the number of foreign languages in which the German catalogues are printed. The Board of Trade collection includes catalogues printed in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Roumanian, Russian, Finnish, Polish, Italian, Dutch, Hungarian, and Greek. Many are polyglot in character, and are printed in three, four, and in some cases six different languages.

Exhibitions.

An index has been prepared, in which the catalogues are classified both as regards articles of manufacture and names of manufacturers, thus rendering identification of any particular catalogue a simple matter.

Copies of the index may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers on application to: The Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade (Foreign Samples Section), 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

Arrangements have been made whereby catalogues may be lent for a few days to United Kingdom firms.

RECONSTRUCTION EXHIBITION IN PARIS.

H.M. Vice-Consul in Paris (Mr. J. Pyke) reports that an Exhibition styled the "Cité Reconstituée" was opened about the end of May in Paris and will remain open until September. The idea underlying the Exhibition is to facilitate the reconstruction on modern principles of villages and buildings in the occupied territory of France and Belgium, and to provide temporary protection to communities immediately on their return to their homes.

The principal classes of exhibits are: Sectional buildings, cottages, villas, sheds, etc., and the majority of these buildings, some of which show considerable taste in design, are of yellow pine with roofs of fibro-cement, rubberoid and similar products. Speaking generally, adds H.M. Vice-Consul, the prices appear very high in comparison with the ante-war prices of similar buildings by British firms.

H.M. Vice-Consul has forwarded several descriptive leaflets of the principal exhibits and these may be inspected by United Kingdom firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 23,866.)

GOVERNMENT NOTICES AFFECTING TRADE.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE TREATED AS CONTRABAND OF WAR.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS on the 14th day of October, 1915, We did issue Our Royal Proclamation specifying the articles which it was Our intention to treat as contraband during the continuance of hostilities, or until We did give further public notice; and

Whereas on the 27th day of January, 1916, and the 12th day of April, 1916, We did by Our Royal Proclamations of those dates make certain additions to and modifications in the said list of articles to be treated as contraband; and

Whereas it is expedient to make certain further additions to the said list:

Now, therefore, We do hereby declare, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, that during the continuance of the war or until We do give further public notice, the following articles will be treated as absolute contraband in addition to those set out in Our Royal Proclamations aforementioned:—

Electric appliances adapted for use in war and their component parts.
Asphalt, bitumen, pitch, and tar.
Sensitized photographic films, plates, and paper.
Felspar.
Goldbeaters' skin.
Talc.
Bamboo.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION.

Additions to List.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN ARTICLES INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by Section forty-three of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876, it is provided that the importation of arms, ammunition, gunpowder, or any other goods may be prohibited by Proclamation:

And whereas it is expedient that the importation into the United

Kingdom of certain goods should be prohibited as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, in pursuance of the said Act and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:—

As from and after the Sixth day of July, 1916, subject as hereinafter provided, the importation into the United Kingdom of the following goods is hereby prohibited, viz.:—

Such motor cars, chassis, parts and accessories (other than tyres) as were expressly exempted from the prohibition on the importation of motor cars, chassis, motor cycles and parts and accessories thereof which was imposed by the Prohibition of Import (No. 3) Proclamation, 1916.

Vacuum cleaners.

Yeast.

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that this prohibition shall not apply to any such goods which are imported under licence given by or on behalf of the Board of Trade, and subject to the provisions and conditions of such licence.

This Proclamation may be cited as the Prohibition of Import (No. 7) Proclamation, 1916.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

[*Note.*—The above is the seventh Proclamation issued this year restricting imports. For a complete list of the articles previously restricted, see pp. 720–2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, and for a list of interpretations, rulings and decisions respecting the prohibitions which have been arrived at by the Department of Import Restrictions, see pp. 868–74 of this issue.

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARS, ETC., YEAST AND VACUUM CLEANERS.

Arrangements as to Licences.

The Board of Trade direct attention to the Proclamation issued on 27th June (see immediately preceding notice) by virtue of which the importation of (*inter alia*) commercial motor cars and chassis, accessories and parts of such cars is prohibited as from 6th July.

Licences to import will be granted in cases where the goods were either *en route* for the United Kingdom or actually paid for at the date of the Proclamation. Licences will also be given where it can be shown that the importation is desirable in the national interests or where the motor car (being a commercial car) is urgently required for any of the purposes specified in Class A of the Order of Priority for the distribution of motor spirit (see pp. 661–2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th June), or for agricultural purposes, or for the conveyance of essential goods. Licences will further be issued for the

importation of spare parts for imported commercial vehicles which are already in the United Kingdom.

By the same Proclamation, the importation of yeast is also prohibited, but licences will, in this case, be granted to permit of an importation of yeast up to about 50 per cent. of the amount imported in 1915.

As regards vacuum cleaners, the importation of which has also been prohibited by this Proclamation, licences will not, in general, be granted except where it can be shown that the goods were either *en route* for this country or actually paid for at the date of the Proclamation.

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION.

Rulings and Decisions.

With reference to the list of goods prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom, which appeared on pp. 720–3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June, it is notified that the following interpretations, rulings and decisions respecting the prohibitions have been arrived at by the Department of Import Restrictions:—

INTERPRETATIONS.

P. = Prohibited. N.P. = Not Prohibited.

Description of Article and Decision.	
Accessories for filing cabinets	P.
Acetic anhydride	N.P.
Advocaat	N.P.
Air guns	P.
Alabaster	*P.
American poplar. (See timber.)	
Angostura bitters (*i.e.*, rum flavoured with certain vegetable extracts)	N.P.
Antimony ware	N.P.
Apparel - Articles made of wool, worsted and cotton, except cotton hosiery, as cotton, woollen and worsted manufactures	P.
Artificial flowers. (If made wholly or mainly of cotton as cotton manufactures)	P.
Bacon cutting machines	N.P.
Bags—Hand, mesh, rush, vanity†	N.P.
Balls—Tennis	P.
Balloons, India rubber	P.
Basket making materials	N.P.
Bath chairs (motor)	P.
Basalt lava stones	P.
Barytes, sulphate of powdered	N.P.
Beans (dried)	N.P.
Beans, Lima	N.P.
Beans, baked	N.P.
Beans, baked, with pork and tomato sauce	N.P.
Bead fringes and beads—Glass	N.P.
Bells, hand, call and door	P.
Bicycle valves—Metal, for inner tubes	P.
Birch logs. (See timber.)	
Boot button fasteners	P.
Boot protectors (made of wood and metal)	P.
Boxes—Soap, iron nickelled	P.
Braids—	
1. Hemp with cotton leaders	N.P.
2. Imitation of silk, *i.e.*, a mixture of coloured vegetable grass with cotton leaders	N.P.
3. Hemp and silk wool with cotton leaders made from wood pulp	N.P.
4. Artificial silk made from wood pulp with cotton leaders	N.P.

* Except where admitted as works of Art.
† In metal, silver plated or rolled gold.

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Description of Article and Decision—*continued.*

Brandy, imitation	P.
Brass burners, lamp	N.P.
Bread cutting machines	N.P.
Bread making machines	P.
Buckles—Papier maché (with metal bar and prong)	P.
Bull rings, copper	P.
Butts, steel	P.
Buttons, wood or metal. (All other kinds not prohibited)	P.
Can openers	P.
Canvas back ground, *i.e.*, unbleached linen used for photographic purposes	N.P.
Casein	N.P.
Castings, iron, fused with carborundum	N.P.
Castors—furniture and truck	P.
Caustic potash	N.P.
Ceiling shades, enamelled iron	P.
Celery soup	N.P.
Cement. (Term covers cement for building and engineering purposes)	P.
Chair parts—lacquered	P.
Chairs, dental surgical	N.P.
Cheque protectors	N.P.
China stone	N.P.
Churns, glass with metal tops	N.P.
Cigarette cases—metal (other than aluminium)	N.P.
Cigarette holders—wooden	P.
Clips—paper	P.
Clothes clips	P.
Clothes pins—wooden	P.
Clothes dryers	P.
Clothing—ready-made suits	P.
Coffee making machines	P.
Combs—celluloid	N.P.
Cooking pots	P.
Copper pot scourer (consists of fabric made by a strand of copper twisted round jute thread, which is then woven in with the cotton)	N.P.
Cotton fabric, rubber faced	P.
Cotton waste	N.P.
Cranberry sauce	P.
Crochet	N.P.
Crystal granulated quartz	P.
Currants	N.P.
Note.—The term "currants" does not include sultanas, which are prohibited.	
Curtain rods—metal	P.
Dating and numbering machines, and parts thereof	N.P.
Deals, battens and boards (plain)	N.P.
Doors	P.
Door bells	P.
Dress shields	N.P.
Drills—high speed and other kind of machine tools	N.P.
Egg beaters	P.
Electric—	
Labour saving appliances, brass lamp holders, hand lamps and torches, instrument counters (meter gears), vacuum cleaners, pocket lamps	N.P.
Electric insulators made from mica and asbestos with steel centres or malleable iron	N.P.
Electric light accessory (porcelain) with no brass fitment	P.
Embroidery (not included as lace)	N.P.
Emeralite desk lamps	N.P.
Enamelled iron ceiling shades	P.
Enamelled iron reflectors (electric light)	P.
Enamel ware	P.
Evaporated horse radish	P.
Face cream (not containing glycerine)	N.P.
Felt hoods	P.
Filing cabinets (accessories for)	P

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Description of Article and Decision—*continued.*

Filing cabinets, steel	P.
Fire engines, chemical	N.P.
Fire extinguishers, chemical	N.P.
Fire clay goods	P.
Flowers, artificial (if made wholly or mainly of cotton)	P.
Fly traps and killers	P.
Food choppers	P.
Frames—bag and pouch	P.
Fringes, silk	N.P.
Fringes, bead and beads—glass	N.P.
Gas lighters	N.P.
Gear wheels, rawhide	N.P.
Glass bead fringes and beads	N.P.
Glass churns, with metal tops	N.P.
Glassware	N.P.
Gloves—	
Woven fabric, cut and pieced	P.
Motor, made of sheep-skins and cotton fabric	P.
Woollen, knitted, as hosiery.	
Granulated crystal quartz	P.
Graphite	N.P.
Green pea soup	N.P.
Hack saw blades	N.P.
Hair clippers	P.
Hand grinders	P.
Hardware.	
Comprises goods under that heading in General Railway Classification (January, 1916), with the following exceptions:—	
Awl blades, bayonets, bullet moulds, callipers, caps for cartridge making, cartridge cases, gun barrels, gun locks, gun furniture, hammers, and hammer heads, horse clippers, jacks (screw), jacks (small), percussion cap shells, pliers, pulleys and pulley blocks, scythes and sickles, shears, spanners, tools (carpenters', coopers' edge, joiners', masons' and shipwrights'), trenching struts, tubes (brass or copper).	
Hasps	P.
Hay forks	N.P.
Hinges of all metals (as hardware)	P.
Hoists—chain, electric (yale)	N.P.
Hooping, iron or steel	N.P.
Horn and hoof horn buttons	N.P.
Horns, rhinoceros	P.
Horse clipping machines	N.P.
Horse radish, evaporated	P.
Hosiery.	
1. Cotton	N.P.
2. Woollen	P.
Hosiery consists of any garment made of fabric made on a knitting or hosiery machine as distinguished from woven fabric, and consequently the following articles if so made may be properly classified as hosiery:—	
Pants, vests, ladies' and gents' combinations, spencers and bodices, stockings and socks (men's, women's and children's), gloves, directoire knickers, footwear and underwear, stockinette Swiss ribbed underwear, cardigan jackets, jerseys and sweater coats.	
Hotchkiss staple presses	N.P.
Household scales	P.
Imitation brandy and imitation rum	P.
Implement brackets	P.
India rubber hose	N.P.
Inner tubes for motor cars. (Included in tyres)	N.P.
Insulating silks and cloths for electrical works—as oilcloths	P.
Japanese pin cushions. (Covers made of silk and stuffed with bran or rice husks)	N.P.
Jerseys. As hosiery.	
Key blanks	P.
Key rings, steel	P.

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Description of Article and Decision—*continued.*

Kirschwasser	P.
Kitchen utensils	P.
Kolynos	N.P.
Lacquered ware	N.P.
Lamps, emeralite desk	N.P.
Lamp burners, brass	N.P.
Lamp holders, brass, for electric lamps	N.P.
Lanterns, hurricane	N.P.
Lanterns, tubular, for farm use	P.
Laths	N.P.
Laundry irons	P.
Laundry tablets (La France)	P.
Lava stones. (See Basalt.)	
Lawn sprinklers	P.
Lentils (dried)	N.P.
Lighters—Metal, pocket	N.P.
Lima beans	N.P.
Magnets—Motor-car magneto	N.P.
Magnesium mantle rings	N.P.
Manicure sets (consisting of scissors, nail files, tweezers and polishers, etc.)	P.
Mantelpieces. (See Marble.)	
Marble—	
Ordinary tombstones and mantelpieces to be regarded as stones and slates.	
Measuring tapes and rules	P.
Meat chopper and sausage filler, combined	P.
Mechanical razor sharpeners	N.P.
Mem-index (small card-index cabinet)	P.
Mesh in strips or rolls for the manufacture of bags	N.P.
Metal soap boxes—Iron, nickelled	P.
Metal press studs	N.P.
Metal, pulverised (used for hardening factory and other concrete floors)	N.P.
Mirrors	N.P.
Motor bath chairs	P.
Motor boats	P.
Mower machine oil cans	P.
Muslins (cotton)	P.
Needlework	N.P.
Numbering and dating machines	N.P.
Nuts, iron or steel	N.P.
Oilers, pocket	N.P.
Oil, sperm	N.P.
Oleine	P.
Oxalic acid	N.P.
Paper clips	P.
Pastry boards	P.
Peas (dried)	N.P.
Peel in brine	N.P.
Pencils—lead	N.P.
Pencils—slate	N.P.
Pencil sharpening machines	N.P.
"Perfectol"	P.
Perforators, letter for filing purposes	N.P.
Pin cushions, Japanese (covers made of silk and stuffed with bran or rice husks)	N.P.
Pine blocks for match making	N.P.
Pipes—tobacco	N.P.
Plum water	P.
Pocket lighters, metal	N.P.
Pocket oilers	N.P.
Porcelain electric light accessories (no brass fitment)	P.
Porcelain table ware	P.
Potash, caustic	N.P.
Powder puffs	N.P.
Press studs, metal	N.P.

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Pulverised metal in powder (used for hardening factory and other concrete floors)	N.P.
Pumps—semi-rotary, iron and brass	N.P.
Pumps (included in Hardware List)	P.
Quartz—Granulated crystal	P.
Rags, woollen	N.P.
Rattans	N.P.
Razor blade sharpeners (safety)	N.P.
Razor strops and razor stroppers (automatic)	N.P.
Reeds	N.P.
Reflectors, enamelled iron (electric light)	P.
Registers	P.
Ribbons, typewriter	P.
Rivets	P.
Rota strop (mechanical razor sharpeners)	N.P.
Rubber faced cotton fabric	P.
Rum, imitation	P.
Rush bags	N.P.
Rushes	N.P.
Sand stone—Scotch stone	P.
Sauces—cranberry, tomato fish	P.
Sawdust	N.P.
Scales—household	P.
Scissors	P.
Screws and rivets	P.
Screwing tackle	N.P.
Shears—all descriptions of	N.P.
Shoe laces—cotton	P.
Shoddy—blankets of	P.
Slate pencils	N.P.
Smokers' sundries—	
Smokers' companions, metal pocket lighters, rubber pouches, pipe cleaners, cotton and wire	N.P.
Sole cuttings shredded—compressed	N.P.
Soups—celery, green pea, tomato	N.P.
Spaghetti à l'Italienne	N.P.
Sparterie, real	N.P.
Sparterie—imitation (cotton and gum)	P.
Sperm oil	N.P.
Splints for match making	P.
Stamp fixing machines	N.P.
Staples	N.P.
Staple presses—"Hotchkiss"	N.P.
Staves	N.P.
Stearine	P.
Steatite	N.P.
Steel cooking utensils	P.
Steel soles for gardening clogs, etc.	P.
Steel tapes	P.
"Stek. O." (powder used for fixing by boot making and stationery trades)	N.P.
Sugar corn	N.P.
Suit cases, vulcanised	N.P.
Sultanas	P.
Tack lifters	P.
Talcum powder (toilet requisite)	N.P.
Tapes, steel	P.
Tennis balls	P.
Thread—drawn	N.P.
Timber. (See separate list at end.)	
Tin boxes for typewriting sundries	P.
Tinned wire and steel cooking utensils	P.
Tomb stones. (See marble.)	
Tomatoes, canned	P.
Tomato chutney	P.

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Tomato fish sauce	P.
Tomato ketchup	P.
Tomato paste	P.
Tomato soup	N.P.
Tools—engineers	N.P.
Tools—agricultural	N.P.
Travelling comforts or stoves. (As hardware)	P.
Tubes, inner for motor cars. (Included in tyres)	N.P.
Typewriter ribbons	P.
Typewriter spools	P.
Underwear. (See hosiery.)	
Vacuum flasks	N.P.
Vegetables in brine	N.P.
Ventilators	P.
Visca plait	N.P.
Vulcanised suit cases	N.P.
Willow sticks	N.P.
Wire and wire nippers	N.P.
Wire hat and coat hooks	P.
Wire paper clips	P.
Wood flour	N.P.
Wood pulp tubs, etc.	P.
Wood moulds	P.
Wood parquet (manufactured wood)	P.
Wood wool	N.P.
Woollen rags	N.P.

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TIMBER.

List of Woods of which the Importation is Prohibited.

Acacia or locust tree.
Alerce.
Amboyna.
American poplar (American whitewood).
Bass.
Beech.
Birch
Blackwood.
Blackbutt.
Cedar.
Cocobolo.
Cocus.
Cochinella.
Ebony.
Guaiacum.
Gum.
Hornbeam.
Iron wood or iron bark.
Jarrah.
Juniper.
Karri.
Kingwood.
Letterwood.
Mahogany.
Maple.
Maracauba.
New Zealand.
Oak.
Olive.
Orham wood, *i.e.*, soft elm.
Partridge.
Plane.
Purple.
Rock elm.
Rose.
Sanders (white or yellow).
Santa Maria.
Satin wood.
Snake.
Speckled.
Sweet.
Tulip.
Walnut.
White (American).
Zebra.

The Prohibition does not at Present apply to :—

Fir.
Pine.
Spruce.
Teak.
Wainscot.
Pit props and pit wood.
Sleepers or staves.
Ash.

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Articles for the importation of which a general licence has been given to H.M. Customs Authorities.

Acid, acetic glacial.
Ball bearings, steel.
Empties—returned, *bonâ fide*.
Grinding stones.
Hosiery needles.
Magnesite.
Oil stones.
Pumice-stone.
Sharpening stones.
Barrels—tops and bottoms of.
Barrels, wooden hoops for.
Birch timber in logs from—Canada.
do. do. Labrador.
do. do. Newfoundland.
Birch, maple and persimmon blocks and squares, for making bobbins, reels, shuttles and spools.
Box boards.
Box shooks.
Bobbins, reels, shuttles, and spools.
Case boards.
Flooring boards, planed and prepared, tongued and grooved. (Of non-prohibited woods.)
Oars made from ash wood.
Pine blocks for match making.
Plywood.
Tool handles. (C.I.B. 24,409.)

PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

Amendments in and Additions to List.

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 28th day of June, 1916.

By the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Whereas it is provided by Section 2 of the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act, 1914, that any Proclamation or Order in Council made under Section 8 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, as amended by the Act now in recital, may, whilst a state of war exists, be varied or added to by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade:

And whereas it is provided by Section 2 of the Customs (Exportation Restriction) Act, 1914, that any Proclamation made under Section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, may, whether the Proclamation was made before or after the passing of the Act now in recital, be varied or added to, whilst a state of war exists, by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade:

And whereas by a Proclamation, dated the 10th day of May, 1916, and made under Section 8 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, and Section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, and Section 1 of the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act, 1914, the exportation from the United Kingdom of certain articles to certain or all destinations was prohibited:

And whereas by subsequent Orders of Council, the said Proclamation was amended and added to in certain particulars.

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And whereas there was this day read at the Board a recommendation from the Board of Trade to the following effect :—

That the Proclamation, dated the 10th day of May, 1916, as amended and added to by subsequent Orders of Council, should be further amended by making the following amendments in and additions to the Schedule to the same :—

(1) That the following headings should be deleted :—

Woods, the following :—

(C) Lignum vitæ ;
(C) Mahogany ;

(2) That the following headings should be added :—

(C) Bristles ;
(A) Cape garnets or rubies ;
(A) Copper stamps used for stamping woven piece goods ;
(A) Fire bricks and fire clay ;
(C) Insulating materials, the following :—
Leatheroid ;
Oiled cloth and tape ;
Vulcanised fibre ;
(C) Rattan, woven ;
(C) Tea ;
(C) Varnishes, spirit, containing gum ;
(B) Vinegar containing not more than 6 per cent. of acetic acid ;
(A) Vinegar essence and similar preparations containing more than 6 per cent. of acetic acid ;
(A) Wire, barbed, and galvanised wire ;

Woods, the following :—

(A) Beetwood ;
(A) Birch ;
(A) Boxwood ;
(A) Dogwood ;
(A) Greenheart ;
(A) Hickory ;
(A) Lancewood ;
(A) Lignum vitæ ;
(A) Mahogany ;
(A) Padouk ;
(A) Sabicu ;
(A) Teak ;
(A) Whitewood ;

(3) That on and after the 17th July, 1916, the headings "(A) Bags and sacks made of jute" and "(A) Jute wrappers (Surrat tares)" should be deleted and there be substituted therefor the heading "(A) Bags, wrappers or sacks made of jute, other than any such bags, wrappers or sacks as constitute the coverings of goods to be shipped for exportation and are allowed by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to be shipped as such Coverings."

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said recommendation into consideration, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the same be approved.

Whereof the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise, the Director of the War Trade Department, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Enemy Businesses to be Wound-up.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned businesses to be wound-up:—

200. The London and Provincial Printing Ink Co., 9 and 10, Water Lane, Blackfriars, London, E.C. Chemical, Color and Printers' Ink Manufacturers. *Controller:* Sidney John Field, 17, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W. 22nd June, 1916.

201. Eiermann and Tabor, 2, Lauderdale Buildings, Aldersgate Street, London, E.C. Bronze Powder and Metal Leaf Manufacturers. *Controller:* Percy Weiller Straus, 7, Great Winchester Street, London, E.C. 22nd June, 1916.

202. The Bakelite Co., Limited, Orb Works, Cowley, Middlesex. Makers of Insulating Material. *Controller:* Sir William B. Peat, 11, Ironmonger Lane, London, E.C. 20th June, 1916.

203. William Prym Co., Limited, 34, Noble Street, London, E.C. Manufacturers of Dress Fasteners, Spring-press Studs, etc. *Controller:* Desmond Forde, 65, London Wall, London, E.C. 20th June, 1916.

204. Th. Goldschmidt Limited, Registered Office, c/o Messrs. Hudson, Smith, Briggs and Taylor, Thames House, Queen Street Place, London, E.C., Purchasers of Tin Scrap for Export. *Controller:* Arthur Taylor, Thames House, Queen Street Place, London, E.C. 22nd June, 1916.

205. British Ceresit Waterproofing Co. Limited, 100, Victoria Street, London, S.W., Manufacturers of a Paste which renders cement waterproof. *Controller:* F. Lindsay Fisher, Bassishaw House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. 22nd June, 1916.

206. Moffatt Ross and Co., Limited, 209, Upper Thames Street, London, E.C., Dealers in Incandescent Mantles. *Controller:* Walter Boniface, 2, Clement's Inn, London, W.C. 22nd June, 1916.

207. Tomlinson-Hemmar Limited, 6, St. Mary's Gate, Manchester, Dealers in Normal Fuller Milling Machines. *Controller:* H. W. Garnett, 61, Brown Street, Manchester. 22nd June, 1916.

208. W. Mertens and Co., Limited. Balfour House, 119, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C., Purchasing Tin and Timber Properties. *Controller:* J. D. Pattullo, 65, London Wall, London, E.C. 22nd June, 1916.

209. Griesheim-Elektron, Limited, Registered Office, 3, Thames House, Queen Street Place, London, E.C., and Manchester Office, Trinity House, 119, Chapel Street, Salford, Merchants in Dyestuffs and Chemicals. *Controller:* William Eaves, 15, Fountain Street, Manchester. 23rd June, 1916.

TRADING IN WAR MATERIAL.

Restriction respecting Wool grown in the Isle of Man.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by Regulation 30 A of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the Army Council have ordered that the war material, to which the Regulation applies, shall include war material of the following classes and descriptions, that is to say:—

Raw wool grown or to be grown on sheep in the Isle of Man during the season of 1916.

[The text of Regulation 30 A appeared on p. 21 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th October, 1915.]

Insurance of Wool.

With reference to the notice on p. 730 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th June relative to the prohibition of the purchase or sale of British and Irish wool of the 1916 clip, it is notified that the Army Council have authorised the insurance of raw wool grown or to be grown on sheep in Great Britain or Ireland during the 1916 season, which was purchased or sold before 8th June.

Restriction respecting Whale Oil other than Sperm Oil.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on him by Regulation 30A of the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Regulations, 1914, the Minister of Munitions has ordered that the War Material to which the Regulation applies shall include War Material of the following class and description, namely Whale Oil other than Sperm Oil.

The Order dated 18th March, 1916, (published on pp. 860-1 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 23rd March) is cancelled.

All applications for a permit in connection with the above Order should be addressed to the Director of Propellant Supplies, Ministry of Munitions, 32/34, Old Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.

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DEFENCE OF THE REALM: NEW REGULATIONS.

An Order-in-Council, dated 27th June, further amends the Regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914"), made under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the Realm. The Order-in-Council referred to above orders, *inter alia*, the following amendments in the Regulations:—

Contracts for the Supply of Coal or Coke.

1. After Regulation 2c the following Regulation shall be inserted:—

"2D. It shall be lawful for the Admiralty or Army Council or the Minister of Munitions, or any person authorised by them to act in their behalf, after consultation with the Board of Trade, to give directions as to the priority to be given in the execution of orders or contracts for the supply of coal or coke, with a view to securing precedence for orders or contracts in accordance with their national importance, and the owner, agent or manager of any mine or any other person affected by the directions who fails to comply with any directions so given, and any person who in any certificate or document given or issued for the purpose of securing priority for any order or contract in pursuance of such directions makes any false statement or false representation, shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations."

Deception as to Quantity and Quality of Goods.

3. After paragraph (*g*) of Regulation 15 the following paragraph shall be inserted:—

"or (*h*) makes any statement or does any act intended or calculated to mislead or deceive any person in the employment of or acting for or on behalf of His Majesty or any Government Department, or the Government of any of His Majesty's Dominions or the Government of any Allied State as to the quantity or quality of any war material or other goods, or otherwise in relation to the manufacture, testing or supply thereof, or with the like intent withholds any information in his possession."

RESTRICTION OF IMPORTATION OF WOOL AND CERTAIN WOOL PRODUCTS INTO FRANCE.

The Director of the War Trade Department announces that, at the request of the French Embassy, all applications for the export of wool or hair and tops, yarns, noils and waste thereof, from the United Kingdom to France will only receive consideration by the War Trade Department and the Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement respectively after recommendations have been received from the French Ministry of Commerce.

Exporters of these goods should, therefore, request their consignees in France to communicate with the Ministry of Commerce in Paris in order that, if approved, the necessary recommendations may be made to the French Ambassador in London and transmitted by him to the War Trade Department or to the Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement respectively. (C.I.B. 24,170.)

INCREASE OF PRICES OF COMMODITIES.

The President of the Board of Trade has appointed Mr. D. Drummond Fraser to be an additional member of the Committee recently formed to enquire into the increase in prices.

[The appointment of this Committee was notified on p. 794 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd June.]

DAMAGE TO CROPS BY AIRCRAFT.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries desire to call the attention of farmers to the possibility of loss of, or damage to, growing crops by hostile aircraft.

No liability can be accepted by the Government and no claim can be entertained in respect of damage to property by aircraft or bombardment unless the property has been insured under the Government scheme, particulars of which can be obtained at any Post Office or from any Fire Insurance Company.

DESPATCH OF NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, ETC. TO PLACES ABROAD.

New Regulations.

The War Office notify that the following regulations will, on and after the 1st July, apply to printed matter despatched to: –

(*a*) All European countries and their Colonies and Dependencies in Africa and America, except France, Russia and Italy and British, French or Italian territory.

(*b*) Neutral countries of America.

(*c*) British and Allied subjects interned in enemy countries.

(1) Printed matter, *i.e.*, newspapers, magazines, books and other printed publications (other than trade circulars), will not be sent forward unless posted direct from the office of publishers or newsagents who have obtained permission from the War Office for this purpose.

Persons desiring to send printed matter should, therefore, give their orders for execution to publishers or newsagents who have obtained such permission.

(2) Publishers and newsagents who desire to obtain permission to despatch printed matter, and who have not already obtained it under the existing regulations, should communicate with the War Office, stating whether they have existing orders for the despatch of printed

matter to the countries concerned and the average quantity which they export weekly under these orders.

(3) Second-hand books despatched by dealers through the post are excluded from the scope of the regulations. They should be despatched in the ordinary way, even by firms who are in possession of a general permit, the name and address of the despatching firm being clearly given upon the cover of each packet. Such packets are subject to delay at the discretion of the Censor. Second-hand books despatched by persons other than dealers will not be forwarded.

(4) Printed publications addressed to British subjects interned in neutral countries are excluded from the scope of the regulations. Such publications can, however, only be sent by *printed papers post.*

(5) From the 1st July stamp collections, sheets or cards of stamps, stamp samples, etc. will not be forwarded to foreign countries (with the exceptions above indicated) unless despatched by dealers who have obtained permission from the War Office.

(6) No information can be given as to the disposal of packets stopped under these regulations.

PARCEL POST TO NEW ZEALAND, SAMOA AND TONGA.

The Postmaster-General announces that it has become necessary to reduce the maximum size of parcels transmissible by post to New Zealand, Samoa, and Tonga from 6 ft. to 4 ft. in length and girth combined. Parcels for these destinations which exceed 4 ft. in length and girth combined will not be accepted after 30th June.

PARCEL POST TO RUSSIA.

With reference to the notice on p. 795 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd June relative to the transmission by post of parcels to Russia *viâ* Canada and Japan at the rates of postage shown in the relative entry at page 818 of the Post Office Guide, it is notified that the Postmaster-General has announced alterations in these rates which now stand as follows :—

—	Parcels not exceeding—		
	3 lbs.	7 lbs.	11 lbs.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Russia-in-Europe	5 4	6 6	7 8
Russia-in-Asia—			
Maritime Province			
Amur Province	3 2	4 4	5 6
Island of Saghalien			
Other places	4 5	5 7	6 9

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CANADIAN TRADING WITH THE ENEMY LEGISLATION.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a copy of a Supplement to the "Canada Gazette" (official) of 6th May, in which is published, in consolidated form, the Canadian Orders and Regulations, under the "War Measures Act, 1914," respecting trading with the enemy.

The Supplement referred to may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

NEW ZEALAND TRADING WITH THE ENEMY REGULATIONS.

Extraordinary issues of the "New Zealand Government Gazette" dated 4th April and 2nd May publish certain additional Regulations regarding trading with the enemy, which have been issued by the New Zealand Government under the War Regulations Act, 1914.

The provision of chief interest to British firms is Regulation 20 (*a*) which empowers the Attorney-General of the Dominion, if "satisfied that any company, firm, or person carrying on business in any place, *whether in or out of New Zealand*, is carrying on such business exclusively or to a substantial extent for the benefit or under the control of alien enemies resident out of New Zealand, or if an enemy, company, or is engaged in any business, communications or undertaking injurious to the interests of His Majesty in respect of the present war," to declare such a company, firm, or person to be an enemy, by notice in the "New Zealand Government Gazette." So long as any such declaration remains unrevoked the prohibitions in force under the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1914, or its amendments as to dealings with firms, etc. carrying on business in enemy territory, apply equally to any firm, etc. declared by notice in the "Gazette" to be an enemy.

The remaining Regulations are mainly of interest to New Zealand firms, and include the following: Registration with or vesting in the Public Trustee in his capacity of Custodian of Enemy Property under these Regulations of enemy property in New Zealand; prohibition of trading with firms in neutral countries having enemy associations as defined; and prohibition of any alien enemy "other than one who is also a natural-born British subject" from commencing trading in New Zealand.

The text of these Regulations may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 24,335.)

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RUSSIAN INCOME TAX LAW.

H.M. Embassy at Petrograd has furnished a copy of the Russian Income Tax Law (No. 106 of 1916), which received Imperial sanction on 6th April.

The Law provides, *inter alia*, that such foreign companies and firms as carry on operations both in Russia and abroad, and have been allowed to carry on operations in Russia without making a return of their total invested capital employed in such operations in Russia, shall make a return of such capital by 1st January, 1917. If such a return is not made, the aforesaid firms will be assessed for Imperial income tax in accordance with their assessment for the supplementary industrial tax on capital of 1916.

An appendix gives in tabular form the scale of taxation of duly audited profit in companies in the ratio of profit to the capital invested.

The Regulations of the Imperial Income Tax are extended to all the localities of the Russian Empire, with the exception of the Grand Duchy of Finland.

The text of the Law (in Russian and English) may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 19,501.)

GERMAN CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Cement added to List.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs draws attention to the following translation of an Order issued by the German Government on the 3rd June:—

I hereby direct that the following article be added to Article 23* of the Prize Ordinance of 30th September, 1909, last amended by the Imperial Decree of 18th April, 1915† (Reiches-Gesetzblatt, page 227):

(22) Cement.

Berlin, June 3rd, 1916.
For the Imperial Chancellor,
VON JONQUIÈRES.

INVENTORY OF STOCKS OF CERTAIN METALS, ETC., IN SWITZERLAND.

H.M. Minister at Berne reports that the Swiss Federal Council, in virtue of the Federal Decree of 11th April, 1916, have ordered an inventory to be made of all stocks held in Switzerland, of copper, tin, nickel, antimony, lead, zinc, manganese, chrome and cobalt.

(C. 19,438.)

* This article contains the list of conditional contraband of war.

† See pp. 450-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 13th May, 1915.

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FURTHER NEW TAXATION IN ITALY.

With reference to the notice on p. 815 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 23rd December last relative to the imposition of war taxes in Italy, H.M. Embassy at Rome reports that a Royal Decree, dated 31st May, has been published imposing, as from 1st July, the following further war taxes for the duration of the war:—

The extraordinary war tax of 1 per cent. on incomes of persons subject to direct taxation is doubled.

The tax imposed by Royal Decree of 12th November, 1914, on cinema tickets is to include one of 20 centesimi on every lira and fraction of a lira above the 2 lire tickets already taxed.

The tax on postal packets, both for the Kingdom and Italian Colonies, and also for abroad, is increased as follows: For parcels weighing up to 3 kilogs., from 60 to 70 centesimi; for those weighing from 3 to 5 kilogs., from 1 lira to 1·20 lire; and for those weighing from 5 to 10 kilogs., from 1·40 lire to 1·80 lire; while the tax of 30 centesimi on parcels sent to soldiers in the military zone, and that of 40 centesimi on parcels sent to soldiers called to arms as established by the Law of 3rd March, 1904, are maintained in force. (C. 19,676.)

Lira = 100 centesimi = 9·6d. (par rate).
Kilogramme = 2·2046 lbs.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MOROCCO, ALGERIA AND TUNIS.

H.M. Agent and Consul-General at Tangier (Mr. H. E. White, C.M.G.) has forwarded an extract from the Cherifian "Bulletin Officiel" of 15th May containing the text of the annex to the Franco-Moorish Postal Convention of 1st October, 1913, signed on 28th March last, regarding the telegraphic service between Morocco and Algeria and Tunis.

This Act provides for a submarine cable, as well as a land line between Tangier and Algeria, the land line passing through the Spanish Zone (see p. 630 of the issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 2nd March).

The text (in French) of the above-mentioned annex to the Convention may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 18,857.)

TRADE CONDITIONS ABROAD.

CANADA (SOUTHERN ONTARIO).—The Office of H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada recently furnished the following observations upon the possibilities of trade by United Kingdom firms with the southern part of the Province of Ontario, and more particularly the Niagara Peninsula:—

The commercial life of Southern Ontario is coloured by its proximity to and easy access from the large manufacturing areas of the United States. Firms in that country are able to include this Province—particularly Toronto and its neighbourhood—in the range of their domestic markets, and some 350 American firms have achieved success by backing their sales organisation in the Province by manufacturing there as well. United Kingdom firms wishing to open up or extend business in Ontario, and particularly in the Niagara Peninsula, must, therefore, realise that they have to face strong American competition.

This does not mean that there is no market for British goods, but rather that energetic and capable selling is necessary to back the character for good quality and accurate compliance with description which United Kingdom goods already have. The key-note of success in the markets of Ontario is energetic selling, a factor well understood by American manufacturers and combined by them where possible with manufacture or assembly in the Province, thus avoiding heavy import duties.

American firms, however, are suffering in the Canadian market through severe lack of transport facilities, owing to the congestion on the railways of the United States. Moreover, American manufacturers keep the Canadian buyer rigidly to their terms (usually 2 per cent. in 10 days), and they very often leave their credits entirely in the hands of the banks. One consequence of this system is that the purchaser sometimes has to pay a week or ten days in advance of the arrival of the goods or else lose his discount.

Many wholesale dealers in the Province insist that cheapness is by no means the determining factor in the Canadian market. It gives place to selling capacity and this again is based upon the tastes and requirements of the ultimate purchaser. They also complain that United Kingdom travellers are often so engrossed in the superiority of the article they carry as to be unable or unwilling to realise that intrinsic value is only one factor in the popularity of a commodity; and while the Canadian wholesaler is ready to acknowledge superiority where it exists, he is more concerned to find goods that will sell themselves, and not entail a course of education of the general public before sales can be made. Manufacturers should either make the article the public require, or do their own educating by means of advertisement. Moreover, American firms are now sending their best trained salesmen into Canada in large numbers, and salesmanship being highly developed in the United States it must be met by selling ability of an equal or higher calibre on the part of United Kingdom manufacturers.

(C.I.B. 20,450.)

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Trade Conditions Abroad.

ITALY.—H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) reports that a local agent, who has hitherto represented German manufacturers of dress materials, textiles, etc., has furnished him with the following information :—

Prior to the war German firms sold cloth and cotton goods for men's apparel which were either bought in the United Kingdom, or were German imitations of the United Kingdom articles and sold at a lower price. Very little business is done with the United Kingdom in ladies' gowns as that country itself imported combed materials largely from France and also from Germany.

The placing of German goods on the Italian market has hitherto been facilitated by the endeavours of German manufacturers to meet the wishes of the customers, especially at first, as regards patterns and goods. It is stated that British firms do not, as a rule, adopt that system. Moreover, the latter do not appear to consider the total receipts for the year (as German firms do) but to weigh each single transaction by itself and to dismiss it if it does not at once offer the margin of profit they expect to derive from it. German firms, on the other hand, gave way where it was necessary in order not to let business slip, and made up the loss of profit on another transaction in the same or in other articles where competition is not so keen.

An important point is the selection of the agent, who must not only be conversant with the goods he is selling, but also with the makers, in order that he may be well posted as to prices and be better able to discuss them with his customers. A further point of importance is that the agent should be in close touch with his customers, and also fully enjoy the confidence of the manufacturers (as did the agents of German firms). Moreover, as regards commission, the partial reimbursement of expenses, etc. German firms are said to be more liberal than British. (C.I.B. 21,521.)

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VENEZUELA (CIUDAD BOLIVAR).—H.M. Consul at Ciudad Bolivar (Mr. R. Cheney Hart) reports that during the whole of the year 1915 merchants at that port were occupied in adapting themselves to the new conditions which have arisen in consequence of the European war. Importers have found that the generous credits they formerly enjoyed in the United Kingdom, Germany, and, to a lesser extent, in the United States, have been drastically curtailed, while their customers in the interior have in turn suffered from the fall in prices of many important articles of export and the temporarily complete stoppage of the feather trade.

The trade of the Ciudad Bolivar Consular district is carried on almost exclusively on a credit basis, and any interruption in the continuous circulation of credit between the commission houses and the banks which back them, and the labourers in the forest, produces an immediate financial stringency. Such was the case for a year or more after the outbreak of war. Merchants reduced their

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advances as far as possible and used every effort to collect their outstanding accounts, and although, according to information received, they have not met with much success in their endeavours, they have managed to tide over their difficulties by reducing their importations and disposing of their old stocks.

How far this process has been carried may be ascertained from the trade returns for 1915, which show that the total imports in that year were valued at £184,815, a reduction of £57,468 on even the exceptionally low figure of 1914, and considerably less than half the value of imports in 1913. On the other hand, exports from Ciudad Bolivar increased from £409,508 in 1914 to £714,901 in 1915. The total trade of the port, as compared with the previous year, has thus increased from £651,791 to £899,716. No failures of importance have taken place, and the net result has been a considerable strengthening of the financial position.

In view of these circumstances H.M. Consul is of opinion that merchants must be getting nearly to the end of their tether in disposing of old stocks and restricting imports, and that in the current year they may be expected to buy more largely. The present would therefore be an excellent time for travellers to visit Ciudad Bolivar. That British firms are not unaware of the opportunity now offered them may be judged from the fact that several travellers have recently paid visits to the district. They are believed to have taken good orders in spite of difficulties due to prohibitions of export in force in the United Kingdom and uncertainty as to the future course of prices.

For all practical purposes the trade of this Consular district with Germany has come to an end. Though perhaps inevitable in view of war conditions in the United Kingdom, it is rather disappointing to note that while in 1915 imports from the United States increased somewhat as compared with 1914, those from the United Kingdom showed a small decline, not however, proportionate to the general decline in imports. It is evident that the United States exporters are going to make a strong effort to capture this market, and they have made a beginning by flooding the country with a mass of well-printed periodical literature, mostly in Spanish, all designed to advertise the commercial and industrial progress, and the natural and financial resources, of the United States. But as long as British firms adhere to their traditional policy of bringing their goods personally to the notice of their South American customers by sending out energetic travellers well equipped with full lines of samples, they have little to fear from such propaganda. Apart from trade which has been diverted to the United States owing to special war conditions, imports from that country consist chiefly of such staples as kerosene and petrol, flour, butter and lard, preserved provisions and certain lines of hardware. The last two alone compete with British goods. A considerable number of American motor cars are also imported.

(C.I.B. 18,537.)

TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared at the Board of Trade showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to March, 1916, and referring in all cases to the same period, *viz.*, the three months ended March, 1916. The corresponding figures for 1915 and 1914 are added for comparison :—

	Imports (*see* NOTE). THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.			Exports (Domestic) (*see* NOTE). THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.		
	1914.	1915	1916.	1914.	1915.	1916.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
France	91,649,000	*[illegible]*	*81,939,000*	65,051,000	*26,078,000*	*31,821,000*
Spain	11,451,000	*[illegible]*	*9,428,000*	9,748,000	*13,242,000*	*13,076,000*
Egypt‡	7,140,000	3,579,000	3,762,000	9,709,000	8,643,000	11,554,000
Japan	20,286,000	12,835,000	17,904,000	15,694,000	14,276,000	22,116,000
United States	101,113,000	84,428,000	123,2[illegible]8,000	116,073,000	177,150,000	236,990,000
British India ..	32,766,000	19,901,000	23,607,000	46,514,000	26,805,000	36,009,000
United Kingdom	167,635,000	186,067,000*	262,123,000*	133,587,000	84,601,000†	110,691,000+

* Exclusive of imported goods, the property of H.M. Government or the Governments of the Allies, other than foodstuffs.

† Inclusive of exported goods bought in the United Kingdom by or on behalf of the Governments of the Allies but exclusive of goods taken from British Government Stores and Depots or goods bought by H.M. Government and shipped on Government vessels.

‡ Including bullion

‖ Exclusive of trade with Taiwan (Formosa) and Chosen (Corea).

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade are as follow :—

	Imports (*see* NOTE).			Exports (Domestic) (*see* NOTE).		
	1914.	1915.	1916.	1914.	1915.	1916.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Russia* (2 months) ...	24,407,000	4,437,000	13,577,000	20,369,000	2,178,000	3,651,000
Italy+ (1 month	10,620,000	*6,871,000*	*10,024,000*	7,135,000	[illegible]	*5,474,000*
Brazil (2 months)	8,624,000	4,080,000	7,202,000	11,269,000	10,715,000	10,832,000
Canada (2 months	16,334,000	13,610,000	20,931,000	[illegible]	11,815,000	29,119,000
Australia (2 months) ...	12,986,000	10,483,000	12,142,000	15,707,000	9,283,000	10,486,000
New Zealand (2 months)	4,394,000	3,104,000	3,667,000	[illegible]	6,873,000	8,378,000
Brit. S. Africa (2 months)	6,575,000	4,100,000	5,714,000	4,833,000	1,723,000	2,962,000
	1913.	1914.	1915.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Argentina+ (12 months)	*84,271,000*	*54,364,000*	*45,379,000*	96,701,000	69,851,000	111,656,000

* European, Russo-Finnish, and Black Sea Frontiers. + Including silver bullion.

Note.—The foregoing figures are exclusive of bullion and specie, except where otherwise stated.

The values stated for the latest year shown are provisional and subject to rectification. In some cases all the values are those *declared* by importers or exporters, as in the United Kingdom; in others they are based on an official schedule of values which is subjected to revision after the close of each year, the values used in the current returns being those fixed in the latest completed revision. In general, the values so fixed represent the level of prices in the preceding year. The countries adopting the system of official values annually revised are :—France, Italy, and Spain. *The figures in italics are based, wholly or mainly, on the prices of some earlier year than that under which they are shown.*

In the case of Russia, France, Italy, Egypt, Argentina, Japan,

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Canada, *and the United Kingdom*, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of "nationalised" goods, *i.e.*, goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions, including figures received up to 20th June, 1916," to be obtained (price 3½d., post free 5d.), either directly or through any bookseller, from Wyman & Sons, Ltd., 29, Bream's Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; or H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America, the Continent of Europe and Abroad of T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., London, W.C.

TRADE ENQUIRIES REGARDING MARKETS ABROAD.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade invites applications from manufacturers and exporters of United Kingdom goods who are desirous of extending their trade in markets abroad. Such applications should specify the countries for which information is desired, and indicate—

(*a*) The precise kind of goods about which the enquirer desires information, and

(*b*) The particular points in regard to which he especially wants to be informed.

Attention is directed to this matter because, if applicants would make their enquiries *more precise*, they would benefit by receiving more precise information. It would also be in their interest to state whether they have already succeeded in obtaining any trade in the countries in question, whether they are represented by agents there, and if so by whom, and whether they are satisfied with their representation.

Applicants for information may apply direct to H.M. Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the Dominions, the correspondents of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade in other parts of the Empire, and to H.M. Consular Officers in foreign countries, but it is generally desirable that they should apply, *in the first instance*, to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., because by the adoption of this course much delay may be avoided in those cases in which the Branch is already in possession of the required information.

CROP CONDITIONS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

Wheat, Barley, Oats and Rye.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have received from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome the following statistics regarding the *areas sown* with wheat, barley, oats and rye in the countries named:—

—	Area sown.	Increase (+) or decrease (—) per cent. on	
		Last year's acreage.	The average acreage in 1909–1913.
	Acres.		
Canada—			
Wheat	11,492,000	— 11·5	+ 9·5
Oats...	10,500,000	— 7·6	+ 17·5
France—			
Wheat	12,864,000	— 9·0	— 19·6
Oats...	7,524,000	— 9·8	— 23·4
Spain—			
Wheat	10,269,000	+ 2·3	+ 7·6
Barley	3,495,000	— 7·7	— 0·4
United States—			
Spring wheat	17,851,000	— 8·2	— 4·7
Barley	7,757,000	+ 4·9	+ 1·8
Oats	40,599,000	— 0·4	+ 8·7

Forecasts of the *production* of wheat, barley, rye and oats in the United States, and of wheat in Japan, are given by the International Institute as follows:—

—	Estimated production.	Increase (+) or decrease (—) per cent. on	
		Last year's production.	The average production in 1909–13.
	Cwts.		
United States—			
Winter wheat	251,194,000	—28·4	+ 6·3
Spring ,, ...	118,194,000	—30·9	+ 0·4
Rye	21,832,000	—11·2	+25·1
Barley	81,115,000	—20·1	+ 4·1
Oats	358,435,000	—18·6	+10·9
Japan—			
Wheat	13,096,000	— 5·2	+ 1·2

Crop conditions in **France**, **Italy**, **Luxemburg**, **Sweden** and **Egypt** are said to be satisfactory, and average in **Hungary** and **Switzerland**, while in **Ireland**, the **Netherlands** and in **Canada** vegetative growth is said to be late.

TRADE OF GOLD COAST COLONY IN 1915.

The following particulars respecting the trade of the Gold Coast Colony in 1915 are taken from a Report by the Comptroller of Customs at Accra, published in the Gold Coast "Government Gazette," Supplementary (No. 1 of 1916):—

Imports.

Imports of merchandise (exclusive of Colonial Government imports) into the Colony in 1915 amounted in value to £3,116,686, as compared with £3,158,171 in 1914, and £3,250,673 in 1913. These figures afford an indication of the commercial stability of the Colony. That imports of merchandise have declined 4 per cent. as compared with 1913 is due solely to reasons not connected with the purchasing power of the Colony; had it not been for the shortage of shipping, and the difficulty, often amounting to impossibility, of getting goods manufactured at any price, imports would have considerably increased in 1914, and again in 1915. The local consumer has plenty of money at his command with which to purchase imported goods, and he does not refrain from purchasing even at greatly enhanced prices when the commodities he needs are obtainable. It must be remarked, however, that the falling-off in the *volume* of imports in 1915, was greater than is indicated by a comparison of *values*, the average prices of imported goods being from 11 per cent. to 25 per cent. greater than in 1914.

Imports of merchandise from the United Kingdom in 1915 increased by £143,024, or 6 per cent., as compared with 1914, and £170,221, or 8 per cent., as compared with 1913.

Throughout the year there was a great demand for *cotton goods* which could not be obtained even at the increased prices or at any price. Imports from the United Kingdom accounted for the whole of the increase in these goods.

There was a notable increase in the value of imports of carriages and carts, by reason of increased imports of *private motor cars and light motor wagons* for transporting passengers and goods. This form of transport is rapidly increasing in the Colony owing to road improvements and to increased transport needs. A very pronounced innovation in local conditions in the Accra district is the introduction, apparently with great success, of *motor cars and lorries for hackney work*. There was a considerable decrease in imports of hand-propelled carts, as these are being superseded by motor vehicles.

The decline in imports of *hardware* was due principally to the cessation of the German supply, and the failure, so far, of other countries to provide acceptable substitutes in sufficient quantity.

Practically all of the decrease in imports of *wearing apparel* was the result of the absence of supplies of German and Austrian *cheap singlets, caps, stockings, shirts, etc.*

The increase of £14,275 in the value of imports of *soap* was due entirely to an increased volume of imports, and was not the result of enhanced prices. Since 1909 imports of soap have shown a steady increase each year, and this is a reliable indication that prosperity and the standard of living in the Colony are rising simultaneously.

Prior to the war the bulk of imports of *beads* came from Austria,

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and so far no acceptable substitute has been placed upon the market. Imports of beads into the Colony have declined in value from £47,383 in 1913, to £39,124 in 1914, and to £8,505 in 1915.

The following table shows the value of the principal imports (exclusive of bullion and specie, but including imports on behalf of the Colonial Government*) into the Gold Coast Colony in 1915, the figures for 1914 being added for purposes of comparison :—

	1914.	1915.
	£	£
Cotton goods (excluding yarn and twist)	602,594	739,462
Provisions	248,787	182,100
Machinery	195,911	172,323
Rice	96,578	119,144
Carriages and carts	79,247	95,175
Hardware	120,985	87,946
Wearing apparel	107,014	84,608
Building materials	104,921	84,434
Coal	139,228	83,193
Tobacco, unmanufactured	49,330	80,811
Flour	68,125	76,515
Soap	53,339	67,614
Furniture	56,758	50,505
Lumber	64,415	50,302
Sugar	52,051	48,082
Railway plant and rolling stock	84,149	47,545
Cigarettes	58,970	38,927
Perfumery	44,421	35,785
Oil, kerosene	43,348	28,822
Cordage	30,643	27,465

Exports.

The value of exports of the products of the Colony in 1915 amounted to £5,814,810 as compared with £4,469,753 in 1914, and £5,023,646 in 1913. The increase over 1914 was, therefore, 30 per cent. and over 1913, the last record year, 15 per cent.

The quantity of *cocoa* exported amounted to 77,278 tons as compared with 52,888 tons in 1914. The increase in quantity was due to the fact that new areas came into bearing during the year.

Exports of *palm kernels* declined from 5,633 tons in 1914 to 4,064 tons in 1915 owing to the cessation of shipments to Germany, which was the principal market for this product.

The decline in the exports of *palm oil* was due to the neglect of the whole palm product industry for the more profitable cocoa industry, and considering the steady decline of the former industry since 1910, it is to be feared that it is doomed to extinction, except in certain districts that are unsuitable for cocoa-growing. Exports of palm oil in 1915 amounted to 330,990 gallons, the lowest on record, not being quite one-sixth of the volume of exports in 1910.

The following table shows the value of the exports of the principal products of the Gold Coast Colony in 1914 and 1915 :—

*The value of imports into the Gold Coast Colony on behalf of the Gold Coast Government amounted to £355,108 in 1915, as compared with £425,587 in 1914 and £259,729 in 1913.

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Exports from Gold Coast Colony.

	1914.	1915.
	£	£
Cocoa	2,193,749	3,651,341
Gold and gold dust	1,659,435	1,755,552
Kola nuts	142,190	139,163
Lumber (native timber)	240,878	90,661
Palm kernels	88,671	50,512
Palm oil...	37,646	25,769
Rubber	21,637	25,167
Other products	85,553	76,645
Total	4,469,753	5,814,810

BRITISH TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

Summaries of the Evidence taken by a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trade on Commercial Intelligence.

In January last the Board of Trade published, as a Parliamentary Return, a Report, which had been prepared by a Sub-Committee of their Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence, with respect to measures for securing the position, after the war, of certain branches of British industry (see the notice on pp. 316-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd February).

To the Report, as presented to the Committee at their meeting on the 11th January, 1916, the Sub-Committee appended two statements, which they had caused to be prepared, the one summarising the written memoranda and oral evidence furnished to them in respect of each particular branch of trade covered by their inquiry, and the other summarising under a number of heads the suggestions made to them as to the various directions in which Government action for the assistance of the trades concerned might usefully be taken.

These two statements were not published with the Report for the reason that their submission to the various witnesses (who had furnished their evidence to the Sub-Committee confidentially) would necessarily have involved considerable delay in the publication of the Report, a delay which it was desired to avoid. In accordance, however, with a decision taken at the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on the 11th April, the summaries have now been submitted to the various witnesses, and their consent obtained to publication, subject only to a small number of slight amendments being made therein. The two statements are accordingly printed, substantially in their original form, in a Parliamentary Return which has just been published, with a view to affording an indication of the principal points of the evidence on which the Sub-Committee based the recommendations contained in their Report.

The title of the present Return is "British Trade after the War (2)." Copies may be purchased, at a cost of 4d. per copy (post

free 5d.), either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., 29, Breams Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., or 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W., or 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; from H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; and from Messrs. E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin. In ordering copies, the Reference No. Cd. 8275, should be quoted.

TRADE OF WUCHOW (SOUTHERN CHINA) IN 1915.

H.M. Consul at Wuchow has furnished the following particulars of the trade of that port in 1915:—

The value of the total trade of Wuchow in 1915 was £1,678,377, as compared with £1,720,617 in 1914. These totals were made up as follows:—Foreign imports, £917,467 as compared with £1,056,330 in 1914; native imports, £154,611 as compared with £154,408 in 1914; and exports, £606,299 as compared with £509,879 in 1914. The apparent decrease in the total trade in 1915 as compared with 1914, is, however, due to the difference in the average value of the Hk. tael.* The value of the trade expressed in Chinese currency shows an actual increase of 388,815 Hk. taels.

The purchasing power of the Kwangsi Province was detrimentally affected by disastrous floods even worse than the flood in 1914, and in view of this catastrophe, and the adverse effects of the European war, it may almost be considered a matter of congratulation that the Wuchow trade statistics for 1915 are as satisfactory as they are.

Wuchow is a port which has practically no direct trade with foreign countries. All imports and exports are purchased from, or sold to, business houses in Hong Kong and Canton. It is a centre where all native produce is collected for transhipment to the above-named ports, and whence all goods of foreign origin are distributed by means of the waterways which spread in every direction throughout the Province. With the exception of shipping and a few special imports like kerosene and cigarettes, the whole trade of the port is in the hands of native dealers, mostly Cantonese, and is likely to remain with them.

For years past various schemes for the construction of railways in the Province have been under discussion, but nothing practical has been done. No attempt even is made to improve the navigation of the rivers, which are the natural highways of the Province. Opposition is still offered to the development of the Kwangsi mines.

Foreign Imports.

The following table shows the value of the principal foreign imports into Wuchow in the years 1914 and 1915:—

* The average value of the Haikwan tael was 2s. 7¼d. in 1915, 2s. 8¾d. in 1914, and 3s. 0¼d. in 1913.

100 Haikwan taels = 111·40 Shanghai taels, on which exchange business is based.

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Foreign Imports—(*continued*).

Articles.	1914.	1915.
	Haikwan taels.	Haikwan taels.
Cotton goods—		
Shirtings, white and grey	848,734	741,847
T-cloths	82,567	75,859
Cotton Italians, Venetians, crape and lastings	234,090	180,206
Shirtings, Hong Kong dyed, plain	141,210	38,550
Cotton flannel	25,599	19,105
Fancy woven cottons	79,587	87,523
Towels	78,054	74,196
Cotton yarn, Indian...	2,730,020	2,669,436
" " Japanese	573,189	594,558
Cotton thread, on spools	49,165	37,737
Woollen goods	73,212	29,336
Miscellaneous piece-goods	45,279	27,322
Iron and steel goods	260,831	184,655
Cigarettes	13,814	41,280
Beans, peas, &c.	47,844	122,124
Rice and paddy	35,329	128,216
Clothing, hats, boots and shoes	236,711	106,000
Coal	50,160	36,585
Aniline dyes	53,108	25,720
Fish and fish products	455,855	451,266
Macaroni and vermicilli	135,067	180,867
Matches	288,816	245,597
Medicines	248,210	216,346
Kerosene, American	492,334	520,142
" Borneo	272,313	294,327
" Sumatra	72,520	169,960
Paper and cardboard	117,718	84,432
Sugar, brown	161,036	63,960
Tobacco	63,897	69,744
Umbrellas	173,186	113,518

Almost every item among the cotton imports showed a decrease compared with 1914. With regard to *cotton yarn* it is significant that while the value of the Indian yarn imported has declined by over 60,000 Hk. taels, the value of the Japanese yarn has increased by more than 20,000 Hk. taels. There are indications that the Japanese article is becoming more and more popular among buyers.

The value of imports of *cigarettes* in 1915 showed a large increase as compared with the previous year. The trade in cigarettes throughout China is immense, and is one of the standard examples of the result of direct intercourse between foreign salesmen and Chinese in the interior.

The large increase in the imports of *electrical materials*, namely, from 435 Hk. taels in 1914 to 11,589 Hk. taels in 1915, was due to the erection of an electric lighting plant at Nanning, the capital of the Province.

Kerosene is one of the imports that has maintained an increase. For the first time a Japanese oil from the island of Formosa has made its appearance in the Customs Returns. It is said to be of inferior quality to other oils on the China market, but the recent rise in the cost of the American, Sumatran and Borneo products may afford an opportunity for Japanese oil to become established.

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Exports.

The following table shows the value of the principal articles of native produce exported to foreign countries during the years 1914 and 1915 :—

Articles.	1914.	1915.
	Haikwan taels.	Haikwan taels.
Livestock	1,176.731	1,517,558
Firewood	274,716	226,351
Hemp	53,985	163,426
Leather	133,088	222,482
Antimony, regulus, crude and refined	3.300	31,612
„ ore	3,904	54,921
Tin, in slabs	270,225	334,595
Indigo, liquid	9,681	43,461
Oil, tea	100,888	28,190
„ wood	353,880	324,060
„ essential	557	33,164
Skins and hides (cow and buffalo)	505,087	684.675
Timber and poles	58,348	43,257
Melon seed	76,888	81,006

Exports of *antimony regulus* increased from 212 piculs in 1914 to 1,453 piculs in 1915, while exports of *antimony ore* increased from 618 piculs to 10,892 piculs. Considerable interest has been shown during the past year in the Kwangsi antimony mines, and unless opposition to the development of the mineral wealth of the Province proves insurmountable, a large increase in exports of this metal may be looked for in 1916.

The stoppage of the supply of foreign dyes, caused by the war, resulted in the export of three times the quantity and four times the value of *indigo* as compared with exports in 1914.

Transit Trade.

The value of the transit passes issued at Wuchow in 1915 was 4,849,156 Hk. taels as compared with 5,544,898 Hk. taels in 1914 This decrease of almost 700,000 Hk. taels in 1915 was due to the general effect of the war and to the devastation caused by the local floods. Given favourable commercial conditions, trade under the transit pass system is likely to continue to increase.

Shipping.

Shipping entered and cleared in 1915 showed an increase of 38,073 tons, due to the appearance on the Wuchow-Hong Kong service of additional steamers under the Chinese flag. There are now seven British and twenty-nine Chinese passenger and cargo-carrying motor boats plying on the rivers of Kwangsi Province, with a total tonnage of nearly 2,000 tons. The rise in the price of kerosene is, however, materially affecting the profits made by these vessels. (C.I.B. 21,960.)

Picul = 133⅓ lbs.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

BRITISH INDIA.

New Regulation as to Importation of Unset Diamonds from the United Kingdom.

Adverting to the notice which appeared on p. 385 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10th February, relative to the prohibition of the importation of unset diamonds into British India from the United Kingdom, except in conformity with certain conditions, the "Indian Trade Journal" of the 26th May contains a press communiqué dated 18th May, 1916, issued from Simla, stating that with regard to such imports, the importers are informed that diamonds imported under a license granted by a local Government or Administration should be obtained hereafter only through the *parcel post, insured* and *not* through the registered parcel post as previously announced. The further condition prescribed in the notice referred to above, viz. :—that such diamonds should be dispatched under the seal of the Diamond Export Committee appointed by H.M. Government, should also, of course, be complied with. (C. 19,761.)

Extension of the prohibition of the Exportation of Raw Jute.

The "Indian Trade Journal" of the 26th May contains copy of Notification No. 3257-W., dated 17th May, issued by the Government of India, which prohibits the exportation of raw jute to the Argentine, Brazil, Cuba, Hayti, San Domingo, Dutch and Danish West Indies, Dutch Guiana, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Central America, Chile, Peru and Mexico.

[*Note.* The exportation of raw jute from British India is already prohibited to the United States of America, and to all countries in Europe, and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than the United Kingdom, Russia (except the Baltic Ports), France, Italy and Portugal.] (C. 19,762.)

Communiqué respecting Exportation of Raw Jute and Jute Manufactures.

In connection with the control of exportation of raw jute and jute manufactures from British Possessions to all neutral countries, the following press communiqué dated the 17th May has been issued from Simla, and appears in the above-mentioned issue of the "Indian Trade Journal." It states that arrangements have now been completed by H.M. Government in regard to shipments to the countries specified in the Notification No. 3257-W above referred to. The export of raw jute and jute manufactures to these destinations, will only be permitted under licence from the Collector of Customs, if the ultimate consignee has signed the prescribed guarantee and is approved by the British Consular authorities, and if the consignment is shipped to one of the approved ports, of which a list is appended, and consigned to the British Consul at such port. In order to avoid inconvenience to the trade, shipments to the above destinations will be permitted up to the 31st May, to consignees of whom

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notice of approval has not been received, and provided the goods are consigned to the British Consul at an approved port, on the understanding that delivery will only be given to the ultimate consignee on his being approved, and on his furnishing satisfactory guarantees to the British Consul. The following ports have been approved, viz.:—Buenos Aires, Rosario, Bahia Blanca, Payta, Montevideo, Paramaribo, Curaçoa, St. Thomas, Colon, Panama, Bocas del Toro, San Jose, Port Limon, Porto Cabello, La Guayra, Barranquilla, Cartagena, Guayaquil, Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Santos, Rio Grande, Pernambuco, Para, Antofagasta, Arica, Caleta, Buena, Coquimbo, Valdivia, Carroi, Iquique, Junin, Megillones, Gautemarea, Segucigalpa, Puerto, Cortes, Managua, Bluefields, Pisagua, Talcahuano, Taltal, Tocopilla, and Caletacoloso. Information as to which firms are approved can be obtained from the Collector of Customs. In the case of Bolivia, the ports permitted are Valparaiso, Callao and Mollendo. (C. 19,762.)

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Order in Council permitting exportation of Hay.

The Board of Trade have received copy of Order in Council dated 1st June, 1916, removing hay from the list of articles the exportation of which from the Dominion to certain countries was prohibited under Order in Council dated 16th December, 1915. (C. 24,600.)

EGYPT.

Revised Import Tariff Valuations: Sacks.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of the 1st June, contains a Notice giving the revised Tariff Valuations (No. 12) for use in assessing duties on certain hessian and jute or hemp sacks on importation into Egypt.

The revised Tariff valuations, which are operative from the 25th May until the 24th July, 1916, or until denunciation, are as follows:—

Description.	Valuation per kilogramme (2·2046 lbs.).	
	Indian sacks.	European sacks.
Hessian jute or hemp sacks, made of plain cloth, common quality—	*Millièmes.**	
For cotton	56	*ad valorem*
For onions	57	"
Twilled hessian jute or hemp sacks, common quality ...	35	"

NOTE.—The actual tare is deducted from the gross weight of the bales.
Duty is leviable on the valuations shown at the rate of 8 per cent. *ad valorem.*
* 1,000 millièmes = £E. 1 = £1 0s. 6d.

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EGYPT—*continued.*

Revised Import Tariff Valuations: Cotton Yarns.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of the 5th June, contains certain revised Tariff Valuations (No. 32) for use in assessing the duties on cotton yarns imported into Egypt from the 5th June, 1916, to the 4th August, 1916, or until denunciation, as follows:—

Articles.	Import valuations per kilogramme (2·2046 lbs.).
Cotton single yarns, grey and bleached—	*Millièmes.**
From India—	
Nos. 4 to 12	73
Nos. 14 to 20	90
From other countries—	
Nos. 4 to 12	108
Nos. 14 to 20	115
Knittings—	
From India—	
Nos. 3 to 12	96
From other countries—	
Nos. 3 to 12	123
Cotton sewings, grey or bleached—	
From India	115
" other countries	122
Cotton doubled yarns, grey and bleached, Nos. 40/2... ...	150
Cotton cable yarns, No. 20	150
Turkey red cotton single yarns	122
Other coloured cotton single yarns	142
Gassed or mercerised or prepared yarns, grey, bleached, or dyed—	
From India	*ad valorem.*
" other countries	"

Note.—Duty is leviable on the valuations shown at the rate of 8 per cent.
The tare allowance for bales is fixed at 3 per cent.

* 1,000 millièmes = £E. 1 = £1 0s. 6d.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

Prohibited Exports: Amended Lists.

Adverting to Notices which have appeared in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the Federated Malay States under certain Notifications, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Notification (No. 1519) dated 8th May, 1916, which prohibits the exportation of the undermentioned articles from each of the Federated Malay States of Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Pahang, as follows:—

(A) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Platinum, salts of.
Cinematograph films.
Clinical thermometers.
Ferro-cerium.
Fuel, manufactured.
Gramophone and other sound records.
Radium.

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(A)—*continued.*

Photographic sensitive films, plates and printing paper, whether exposed or not.
Ramie stockings and ramie fabrics for the manufacture of gas mantles.
Surgical instruments.
X-Ray apparatus.
[The above are new items.]
Cane and beet sugar, unrefined or refined, including candy.
[In lieu of items "Sugar, refined and candy" and "Sugar unrefined."]
Acetic acid.
[Transferred from Group B.]

(B) To all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain, and Portugal:—

Absinthe.
Barium sulphate.
Calcium sulphate.
Iron sulphates.
Sodium sulphate and bisulphate (including nitre cake).
Strontium sulphate.
Glucose and malt sugar.
Provisions and victuals, etc., viz.—
Soups, compressed and desiccated.
Tinned and potted meats and extract of meat.
Vegetables, fresh, except peas.
Salt, rock and white, except table salt.
[The above are new items.]

(C. 19,378.)

MALAY STATES NOT IN THE FEDERATION: KELANTAN; TRENGGANU.

Prohibiting Exportation of Pepper.

The Board of Trade have received from the High Commissioner's Office, Singapore, copy of Notices which prohibit the exportation of pepper as follows:—

STATE OF KELANTAN.

Notice No. 6 of 1916, dated 22nd February, 1916, prohibits the exportation of pepper to any destination other than the Straits Settlements or some other British port, or the Federated Malay States, or a Malay State under British protection.

STATE OF TRENGGANU.

Notice dated 2nd March, 1916, prohibits the exportation of pepper from the State and its territory to any place except Singapore.

(C. 19,400.)

HONG KONG.

Prohibited Exports: Amended Lists.

Adverting to the Notice which appeared on pp. 84-92 of the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 13th April, and to subsequent amending Notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from Hong Kong under certain Proclamations, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation (No. 11 of 1916), dated 31st March,

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1916, which amends the previous Proclamations and prohibits the exportation of various articles from the Colony, to certain destinations, as follows:—

(B) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Carbon electrodes for electric furnaces.
Colchicum and its preparations.
Iron and steel smelting scrap.
Petroleum coke.
Solid drawn steel tubes.
Wireless telegraphs, materials for.
[The above are new items.]
Capsicum and peppers.
Oleo-resin of capsicum.
[In lieu of items "Capsicum and oleo-resin of capsicum" and "Pepper."]
Bones, in any form, whole or crushed (including dissolved bones, bone flour, and bone meal) and bone ash.
[In lieu of item "Bones for manure, etc."]
Bladders, guts, casings and sausage skins.
[In lieu of item "Bladders, casings and sausage skins," Group C.]
Bichromate of soda.
Hæmatite pig iron.
[Transferred from Group C.]
Lead, pig, sheet, pipe, or *scrap* (including solder containing lead).
[The italicised word only is new.]

(C) To all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal:—

Arrack.
Casein.
Cork and cork dust, not including floor coverings manufactured partly of cork dust.
[The above are new items.]
Telegraphs (other than wireless) and telephones, material for.
[In lieu of item "Telegraphs, wireless telegraphs etc."]
Vegetable fibres and yarns made therefrom, all *such* (*not including linen thread*) *as are not prohibited to be exported to any destination.*
[The italicised words only are new.]
Provisions and victuals, all, which may be used as food for man, and the raw materials thereof, not otherwise prohibited, including:—
Arrowroot.
Bean flour and meal.
Biscuits, bread and cakes, all kinds of.
Corn flour.
Corn grits.
Fish of all kinds, whether cured, salted or fresh.
Hominy.
Lentil flour and meals.
Macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli.
Pea flour and pea meal.
Prepared foods wholly or partly derived from cereals.
Semolina.
[The above heading is in lieu of "Foodstuffs of all kinds etc.," and the items are new.]
Food and forage, all articles of, which may be used for animals, and the raw materials thereof, not otherwise prohibited, including:—
[The above heading is in lieu of "Feeding stuffs of all kinds etc."]

(E) To all destinations other than the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates, and France, Italy and Russia (except through Baltic ports):—

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All oleaginous nuts, seeds and products, including the following :—
Castor beans.
Coconuts.
Copra.
Cotton seed.
Ground nuts, earth nuts or pea nuts.
Hempseed.
Linseed.
Palm nuts and palm kernels.
Poppy seeds.
Rape or colza seed.
Sesame seed.
Soya beans.
Sunflower seed.

[The above heading and items are substituted for the previous heading and items in Group E.]

RUSSIA.

Importation of Matches free of Customs Duty *viâ* Irkutsk Custom House.

With reference to the notice at pages 803-804 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 16th March, the Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the official "Bulletin of Laws" of Petrograd of 28th May/10th June, supplementing the Decree of 1st/14th February, 1916, publishes a Decree of the Minister of Finance, dated 27th May 9th June, authorising, until 1st/14th January, 1917, the import (free of Customs duty) into the Empire from abroad, *viâ* the Irkutsk Custom house, of safety matches to the amount of 100,000,000 boxes, containing not more than 75 matches each.

[*Note.*—The Decree of 1st/14th February, 1916 authorised, on the basis of the Imperial Decree of 12th/25th January, the import of 700,000,000 boxes of matches *viâ* the Custom houses therein named, the point of import of the remaining 300,000,000 boxes, of the total 1,000,000,000 boxes allowed by the Decree of 12th/25th January, to be indicated later.]

(C. 19,822.)

SWEDEN.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at Stockholm to the effect that the exportation from Sweden of *webbing (sadelgjordsvar) of vegetable textile materials other than cotton* (Nos. 469 and 470 in the Swedish Tariff) has been prohibited as from the 20th June.

The Board of Trade are also in receipt, through the same channel, of information to the effect that the prohibition of the exportation of *metal-working lathes* has been defined to include also parts, not specially mentioned, unworked or worked, of such lathes.

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DENMARK.

Regulations concerning the Exportation of Meat.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of translation of a Danish Ministerial Order which prohibits, until further notice, the slaughter of horses for export from Denmark.

The Order also provides that a special mark shall be affixed to meat and waste meat of sheep and goats slaughtered for export.

(C. 19,059.)

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at Copenhagen to the effect that the exportation of the undermentioned articles from Denmark has been prohibited, viz., *cosmetics* containing castor oil, paraffin, stearine, fatty substances or other articles the export of which is prohibited; and *dried fruits*.

The prohibition of the exportation of jute sackcloth is extended to *matresses and similar articles* for which hessians are used.

NETHERLANDS.

Feeding Stuffs to be consigned to and distributed by the Netherlands Government.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of translation of a Decree of the Netherlands Minister of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce which provides that the importation into, and distribution within the Netherlands of feeding stuffs (barley, oats, linseed cake and similar goods) shall be undertaken by the Netherlands Government. The Decree was to take effect as from the 15th May.

(C. 19,673.)

Samples of Goods the Export of which is Prohibited.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that, according to a recent notification of the Netherlands Minister of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, export prohibitions in force in the Netherlands apply also to consignments of samples; and *the despatch of samples of goods the export of which is prohibited will only be allowed after an export licence has been obtained.*

(C. 19,476.)

MOROCCO.

Certificates of Origin for Goods sent to Fez or Mequinez *viâ* a Port outside the French Zone.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of an Order of the General Commanding in Chief in the French Zone in Morocco which prescribes that all goods destined for Fez and Mequinez, which were not landed at a port in the French Zone in Morocco, shall, on arrival at Fez or Mequinez, be deposited in special stores whence they shall not be withdrawn except on production by

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the consignee of a certificate of origin as required by the regulations in force [*see* the notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 6th May, 1915 (p. 396), the 4th November, 1915 (p. 337), and the 9th December, 1915 (p. 705).] (C. 18,872.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Shipment of Hides to the United States without Disinfection.

A Circular of the United States Treasury Department (T.D. 36,332) notifies that the regulations of 2nd May, 1910, concerning the disinfection of hides, have been amended so as to permit the shipment of hides to the United States without disinfection, under certain conditions, the disinfection to be made after the arrival of the goods in the United States.

A copy of the Circular may be inspected by persons interested, on application, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Customs Decisions.

The following is the substance of some decisions respecting the application of the United States Tariff Act of 1913, which have recently been received at the Board of Trade :—

Articles.	Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.
RULINGS OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT.		
Litmus paper—		
In sheets, dutiable as bibulous paper	323	30 % *ad val.*
In book form, dutiable as books not specially provided for ... ... [T.D. 36,274]	329	15 % *ad val.*
Tea containers.—Intermediate containers of tea packed in packages of less than 5 pounds each are dutiable under the first proviso of paragraph 627 of the Tariff, whether or not the total weight of the tea in such intermediate containers is less than 5 pounds. *Outside* cases containing tea packed in packages of less than 5 pounds each are also dutiable under the said first proviso of paragraph 627 thirty days after the date hereof [the Decision is dated 5th May, 1916], whether or not there are intermediate containers, such assessment to be in addition to the duty on the intermediate containers when there are such [T.D. 36,376].		
DECISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF CUSTOMS APPEALS.		
Flaming arc-lamp carbons in chief value of lamp-black or retort carbon, with or without a core impregnated with chemical salts [T.D. 36,307] ...	82	40 cents per 100 feet.
Construction, paragraph 167, Tariff Act of 1913—"*plated.*"—The last clause of paragraph 167 of the Tariff, taxing articles or wares of certain metals when not plated with gold or silver, excludes from its operation not only such articles		

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Articles.	Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.
as are entirely plated, but also such as have a substantial portion of their surfaces plated, and relegates them to the provision in the same paragraph for articles or wares plated with gold or silver.		
Wares in chief value of glass, with gold or silver plated trimming, how dutiable.—Penholder racks or stands in chief value of glass, with gold or silver plated metal rims, are dutiable as manufactures of glass, under paragraph 95 of the Tariff, and not as gold or silver plated metal articles under paragraph 167 [T.D. 36,308] ... ... [This modifies a Decision of the Board of General Appraisers (T.D. 35,608) which was noted at page 190 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 20th January.]	95	30 % *ad val.*
"*Water colour boxes.*"—Merchandise consisting of small boxes containing water colours of good quality and articles incidental to their use, designed, adapted, and used for elementary instruction in art and used to some extent also by artists, is not dutiable as toys under paragraph 342 of the Tariff, but as artists' paints or colours under paragraph 63. [T.D. 36,311]	63	20 % *ad val.*
Goods known commercially as silk mourning crapes, varying in width from 19 to 42 ins., are dutiable under the general provision for woven fabrics of silk in paragraph 318 of the Tariff. The fact that the narrow pieces are to be cut up and made into trimmings does not make them dutiable as trimmings under paragraph 358. The wide pieces, at the time of importation and at the time of the enactment of the Tariff Law of 1913, were little used for making veils, and were not commercially designated veilings. They are not dutiable as veilings under paragraph 358, even though they had been more largely used for making veils and had been classified as veilings by Customs officers. [T.D. 36,320]	—	—

(C. 18,793.)

Countervailing Duty on certain British Spirits: Decision of the Court of Customs Appeals.

With reference to the notice at page 547 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 19th August, 1915, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a Decision of the United States Court of Customs Appeals (T.D. 36,426) to the effect that the "allowance" granted by H.M. Government to exporters of spirits is a "bounty or grant" within the meaning of paragraph E of Section 4 of the United States Tariff Act, and justifies the imposition of the countervailing duty provided for by the paragraph in question. The Decision of the Board of United States General Appraisers (T.D. 35,595), which formed the subject of the above-mentioned notice in the "Board of Trade Journal," is thus affirmed.

(C. 19,652.)

EXCISE TARIFF CHANGES.

NETHERLANDS.

Exemption of certain Salt from Excise Duty.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that exemption from excise duty has been accorded, by Royal Decree, in respect of salt, both raw and refined, used in establishments for the packing of goods which are to be exported from the Netherlands in quantities of at least 500 kilogrammes at a time.

By a further Decree, exemption from excise duty is accorded to raw salt used for purifying and drying air in cold storage establishments.

(C. 19,395.)

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BRITISH CARGO STEAMSHIP SERVICES.

Information regarding British cargo steamship services, trading between the United Kingdom and all ports of the world, may be obtained on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Firms making written application for information are requested to state their requirements clearly, particularly indicating the ports or districts between which cargo is to be carried.

DETENTION OF CARGOES AND VESSELS BY H.M. ARMED FORCES.

The "London Gazette" of 23rd June publishes the following further list of ships whose cargoes, or part of them, have been detained by H.M. Armed Forces:—

Name of Vessel.	Nationality.	Cargo detained at
Activ	Danish	Lerwick
Clan Buchanan	British	Durban
Frederick VIII.	Danish	London
Hypatia	British	Durban
Kasan	Danish	North Shields
Kristianfjord	Norwegian	London
Kronprincessan Victoria	Swedish	Kirkwall
Orange...	Netherland	London
St. Croix	Norwegian	Swansea

SOUTH AFRICA.

Regulation of Railways, Ports and Harbours.

With reference to the notice on p. 813 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th March, relative to a proposed measure providing for the regulation, control and management of the railways, ports and harbours of South Africa, it is notified that this measure has since become law and that a copy of the Bill, as amended and

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passed by the Union Senate, has been received from H.M. Trade Commissioner in South Africa (Mr. W. G. Wickham).

The Act may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 22,783.)

NORWAY.

Shipping at Christiansand, S., and Kragerö in 1915.

H M. Consul at Christiansand, S. (Mr. E. M. de Garston), reports that in 1915 there was a remarkable expansion in the shipping of that port. Prior to the war Christiansand, S., already possessed an appreciable tonnage, and is now fast assuming an important standing as a shipping centre.

The net increase in the tonnage at Christiansand, S., in 1915 was 24,945 tons. The value of ships has risen enormously. The shipbuilding yard at the port is being extended. With the extraordinary high freights, shipping profits have been very large, although heavy taxation, especially upon excess profits, has reduced the net profits considerably.

During 1915, 57 British steamships of 57,928 net tons arrived at Christiansand, S., with cargoes from the United Kingdom, and 38 steamships of 37,298 net tons cleared with cargoes for the United Kingdom, the remaining 19 sailing for other Norwegian ports.

The Harbour Board at Christiansand, S., is planning a new pier, estimated to cost about 1,000,000 krone (about £58,800 at current exchange); while new quays on which a coal discharging and bunkering plant will be erected, are being built at the wharf of one of the local firms.

At Kragerö the shipping industry in 1915 gave very good results. Freight rates have ruled very high but, owing to increased expenses, profits will not be in proportion to freights.

Several new shipowners have established themselves at Kragerö, and at the end of 1915, 23 steamships and 10 sailing vessels with a total tonnage of 35,040 gross tons were owned by local firms.

(C.I.B. 18,705.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Loading Iron Ore by Magnets.

H.M. Trade Commissioner in Canada (Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes) writes that the s.s. "Cicoa," one of the Great Lake navigation boats, is reported to be equipped with three magnets for loading such cargo as iron ore, each magnet being capable of lifting 1,500 lbs. The motive power is a dynamo of 250 volts. Four men are engaged in loading, one man at each of the dynamos and one at the motor. The "Cicoa" is said to be the only vessel so equipped on Lake Michigan.

(C.I.B. 24,584.)

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CHINA. MANCHURIA.

Through Traffic Regulations for the South Manchuria and Shantung Railways, etc.

H.M. Consul at Dairen (Mr. H. G. Parlett) has furnished a translation of Regulations drawn up by the South Manchuria Railway Company, the Dairen Steamship Company, and the Shantung Railway, which came into force on 15th April, for the control of through passenger, personal luggage and parcels traffic on their lines.

The main objects of these Regulations is to cater for the Chinese coolies who in the spring of the year emigrate in great numbers from Shantung Province into Manchuria where they work on the farms, returning home in the late autumn.

The above-mentioned translation of the Regulations may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 19,227.)

JAPAN.

Railway Extensions in Yokohama District.

H.M. Consul-General at Yokohama (Mr. A. M. Chalmers) reports that 58 miles of railway were opened to traffic in his Consular district during 1915, namely Kisarazu to Kozuza Minato (15 miles) in Chiba Ken; Miharu to Onomimachi (21 miles) and from Taira to Ogawago (6 miles). These last sections almost complete the line across from the east to west coasts from Taira to Niigata.

Further north a section of 4 miles from Kawatabi to Naruko has been completed, also a section of 12 miles from Shinjo to Semi, leaving only a few miles to complete between Kogota on the east coast and Sakata on the west coast.

One important section on which work was commenced was that between Kozu and Numazu *viâ* Atami, a distance of about 30 miles. This forms a loop line on the main line, from Tokio to Shimonoseki, and is a diversion of the line to take the place of the mountainous section over the Hakone range *viâ* Yamakita, which section is almost annually subject to collapse of the embankments and culverts on account of the mountain torrents after heavy rains. The new section, which is to cost about £2,500,000, will, it is estimated, take over ten years to complete owing to extensive tunnelling and other engineering difficulties.

In Tokio an elevated railway is being constructed between the new Tokio station and Meno station. This connection will join up the railway system north and south from Aomori to Shimonoseki. The work is estimated to take three years to complete.

During the year the service between Tokio and Yokohama has been improved by the establishment of an efficient electric train service in addition to the ordinary train service. (C.I.B. 21,959.)

MINERALS, METALS, AND MACHINERY.

GERMANY.

Output of Rolling Mills in 1915— *Correction.*

With reference to the notice on pp. 620-1 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st June, relative to the output of German rolling mills in 1915, as compared with 1913 and 1914, it is notified that the total output in 1913 was erroneously printed on p. 621; it should have been rendered as on p. 620, namely, 16,698,950 metric tons.

(C.I.B. 25,155.)

JAPAN.

Increased Activity in the Zinc Mining Industry.

H.M. Vice-Consul at Tokio (Mr. G. H. Phipps) has forwarded a translation of an article, which appeared in a local commercial paper, concerning recent developments in the zinc mining industry in Japan.

According to this paper, zinc mining in Japan has suddenly sprung into a state of briskness in harmony with the swift development of the zinc refining industry, and the output of zinc ore will greatly increase at no distant date.

A mine in the Miyagi Prefecture, which in 1915 produced some 4,000 tons of ore, is expected in the first and second halves of this year to produce 2,400 tons and 6,000 tons respectively. It is anticipated that by the beginning of 1917 the production of zinc ore from this mine will be increased to 1,500 tons per month.

The present demand for zinc has caused attention to be paid to a mine in the Hokkaido which had been neglected owing to its poverty. It is hoped that this mine will yield 3,200 tons of ore in the present year, and 5,000 tons in 1917.

Mining for zinc has commenced at a mine formerly worked for copper in the Gumma Prefecture. This mine has yielded about 200 tons a month since February, 1916, and it is said that in 1917 the monthly output will reach 2,500 or 3,000 tons. The ore is of a poor quality, however, containing only 12 or 13 per cent. of zinc.

Prior to the war, a zinc mine in the Hida Province had an output of not less than 20,000 tons a year, which represented the major portion of the total output of Japan. Every effort has been made to increase production and, as a result, the output of this mine will be augmented by 30 per cent. during the current year.

The annual output of another mine, in the Nagasaki Prefecture, was not more than 3,000 tons before the war. At present it produces 500 tons a month.

The total annual production of zinc ore in Japan before the war only amounted to 40,000 tons, but present indications are that this year, or next year, the production will at the lowest estimate be something over 60,000 tons.

(C.I.B. 24,333.)

TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MATERIALS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton **imported** into the United Kingdom during the week ended 22nd June, 1916, was 68,601 (including 885 bales British West Indian, 1,479 bales British East African, and 906 bales foreign East African) and the number imported during the twenty-five weeks ended 22nd June, 1916, was 2,006,552 (including 3,092 bales British West Indian, 1,779 bales British West African, 8,510 bales British East African, and 1,059 bales foreign East African). The number of bales **exported** during the week ended 22nd June, 1916, was 5,270, and during the twenty-five weeks 236,992.

For further details see p. 917.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (PHILIPPINE ISLANDS).

Progress in the Embroidery Industry.

According to a report to his Government by the United States Commercial Agent at Manila, published in "Commerce Reports" (Washington) of 31st May, the hand-embroidery industry in the Philippine Islands made rapid progress during 1915. The trade is almost all with the United States, and special impetus has been given to it by the European war. The supply of embroideries from Europe having been cut off to a large extent, buyers in the United States have turned their attention to the Philippines, with the result that orders have been received in increasing volume.

The business of exporting at the present time is in the hands of three or four large firms and a few small ones. The manufacture of embroideries is a household industry, the work being done as a rule by women and girls. From time to time efforts have been made to foster the industry by legislation, but up to the present little has been accomplished by such means.

Development of the embroidery industry in the Philippine Islands has been slow, but recently practically all the embroidery workers in the more accessible centres have been kept steadily employed at rates of remuneration which have increased by 30 per cent. within the last three years.

The practice of the exporting firms is to furnish the goods to be embroidered to "Cabecillas," or head workers, by whom it is given out to individual workers, who do the work in their homes. The product is paid for by the piece. Advances are usually made to the workers, with the result that most of them are in debt to the firms that employ them.

AGRICULTURAL & FOREST PRODUCTS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 24th June, 1916, were as follows :—

Wheat	47s. 6d.
Barley	49s. 10d.
Oats	31s. 3d.

For further particulars see p. 917.

Imports of Agricultural Produce.

A statement is published on p. 918 showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended 24th June, 1916, as compared with the imports during the corresponding weeks of the two previous years.

☛ For notices relative to raw materials for textiles *see* under Textiles and Textile Materials.

CEYLON.

Rubber Exports in March.

The following statistics of the exports of rubber of domestic production from Ceylon during the month of March, 1915 and 1916, have been extracted from official returns issued by the Ceylon Government :—

To	March, 1915.	March, 1916.
	Lbs.	Lbs.
United Kingdom	2,901,868	1,344,707
United States	2,648,745	3,438,253
Other countries	295,081	355,451
Total exports of rubber of domestic production...	5,845,694	5,138,411

NETHERLANDS.

Fruit and Vegetable Crop Prospects.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries are informed by H.M. Consul-General at Rotterdam (Mr. E. G. B. Maxse, C.M.G.) that, on 1st June, prospects for the fruit and vegetable crops in the Netherlands were far below those of last year. As so little care has been given to the manuring of the orchards, only a much smaller crop could be expected after the abundant crops of apples and pears in 1915. In general, prospects are better for apples than for pears, although some complaints are heard about diseases, etc. The condition of cherries is not so favourable as the first blossoming promised. "English" plums are a failure, but the other plums are more promising. Garden products are very satisfactory.

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Apples.—On the whole the condition of the apple crop is fairly good, especially in Zeeland; the worst condition is in South Netherlands.

Pears are most satisfactory in North Netherlands; in South Netherlands prospects are bad. On the whole the conditions vary from fairly bad to moderate.

Early Cherries vary from moderate to good, but are bad in Zeeland.

Late Cherries.—A moderate crop is expected.

"English" Plums are a complete failure in most districts and bad almost everywhere.

Other Plums.—Prospects are good in Groningen and bad in Limburg; elsewhere the condition is only moderately good.

Strawberries.—Prospects generally are very good.

Tomatoes are very satisfactory throughout the country.

Early Potatoes.—Conditions are very good in Groningen, West Friesland and Hillegom; good to very good in the other parts of Friesland and Gelderland, south of the Rhine; fairly good to good in Limburg, Overyssel, North Gelderland and North Brabant; and moderate in South Holland.

PORTUGAL.

Wine Production and Stocks.

The "Diario do Governo" (Lisbon) of 2nd June publishes a statement, issued by the Statistical Department of the Portuguese Ministry of Finances, from which it appears that the total production of wine in Portugal in 1915 amounted to 491,060,224 litres. Stocks of wine on 20th March, 1916, amounted to 433,954,295 litres, while the total quantity available for public consumption was 370,513,798 litres.

The above-mentioned issue of the "Diario," containing detailed statistics of the production and stocks in each of the wine producing districts of the Republic, may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Litre = 1·76 pints.

SPAIN.

International Rice Congress at Valencia (May, 1914); Report of Proceedings.

The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a copy of the official Report of Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress of Rice Cultivation, which was held at Valencia in May, 1914 (see notice on p. 196 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16th July, 1914). This Report, the publication of which has been delayed by the war, is illustrated with photographs and diagrams, and contains the recommendations of the sections of the Congress charged with the consideration of questions relating *inter alia* to (1) varieties of rice; (2) use of manures; (3) use of machinery in cultivation, etc.;

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(4) diseases of rice; and (5) international rice trade and the desirability of international agreement in regard to marks of guarantee.

The above-mentioned Report, which is in French, may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 18,898.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Manufacture from Licorice Root of Boards for making Boxes.

The Acting British Consul-General at Philadelphia (Mr. H. A. Ford) has forwarded an extract from the local press in regard to the utilisation of waste licorice root for the manufacture of boards for making boxes.

After extraction of the licorice, the crushed root was formerly considered a waste product and destroyed by burning, but under a recently discovered process this refuse can now be made into a chemical wood pulp and pressed into a board that is said to have satisfactory resisting qualities and strength. (C. 18,451.)

SIAM.

Rosewood or Blackwood Industry and Trade.

H.M. Consul-General at Bangkok (Mr. T. H. Lyle, C.M.G.) has furnished the following particulars regarding the industry and trade in Siamese rosewood or blackwood:—

In Siam the rosewoods are worked more particularly from the regions lying north-east and east of Bangkok, and are exported in the form of roughly trimmed round logs the average size of which is from 12 to 24 inches in circumference and from 80 to 120 inches in length. The rosewood forests have been heavily over-exploited, and as the Siamese Government is now taking measures to protect this wood by requiring workers to take out permits and by fixing a minimum girth at which it may be felled, restriction in general output is not unlikely to ensue.

The ebony woods are found to the west of Bangkok in the districts of Kanburi, Petchaburi, and to the south towards the Malay Peninsula. They also are exported in the form of roughly trimmed logs from 12 to 20 inches in circumference, and from 80 to 120 inches in length.

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Agricultural and Forest Products.

SPAIN—*continued.*

(4) diseases of rice; and (5) international rice trade and the desirability of international agreement in regard to marks of guarantee.

The above-mentioned Report, which is in French, may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 18,898.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Manufacture from Licorice Root of Boards for making Boxes.

The Acting British Consul-General at Philadelphia (Mr. H. A. Ford) has forwarded an extract from the local press in regard to the utilisation of waste licorice root for the manufacture of boards for making boxes.

After extraction of the licorice, the crushed root was formerly considered a waste product and destroyed by burning, but under a recently discovered process this refuse can now be made into a chemical wood pulp and pressed into a board that is said to have satisfactory resisting qualities and strength. (C. 18,451.)

SIAM.

Rosewood or Blackwood Industry and Trade.

H.M. Consul-General at Bangkok (Mr. T. H. Lyle, C.M.G.) has furnished the following particulars regarding the industry and trade in Siamese rosewood or blackwood :—

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Government Publications.

of Parliamentary Paper Cd. 7,797.) [*Cd.* 8,267.] *Price* 2*d.* (*post free* 2½*d.*).

Under the provisions of the Boiler Explosions Acts, 57 preliminary enquiries and 3 formal investigations have been held respecting boiler explosions which occurred during the year ending 30th June, 1915. Of these 61 explosions, 28 resulted in loss of life or personal injury, 22 persons being killed and 55 injured.

The appendices attached to the Report give (1) a summary of the reports of enquiries held under the Boiler Explosions Acts; (2) the causes of explosions and the types of boilers which exploded; (3) a report by the Solicitor to the Board of Trade on the formal investigations held; and (4) the total number of explosions dealt with since the passing of the Acts, number of lives lost, and number of persons injured.

Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1914-15. *Part III.—(a) Public Health and Local Administration, (b) County Council Administration, (c) Local Taxation and Valuation.* [*Cd.* 8,197.] *Price* 6*d.* (*post free* 8*d.*).

Assurance Companies (*Return*), *Part A: Life Assurance Statements. H.C.* 397. *Price* 6*s.* (*post free* 6*s.* 7*d.*).

This publication contains statements of life assurance and annuity business, and abstracts of actuarial reports deposited with the Board of Trade under Section 7 of the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, during the year ended 31st December, 1915.

Report on the Trade of the Dominion of New Zealand for the Year 1915, *with Supplementary Report on the Trade Returns for* 1914, *by Mr. W. G. Wickham* (*H.M. Trade Commissioner in New Zealand*). [*Cd.* 8,268.]. *Price* 3*d.* (*post free* 4*d.*).

This Report deals with trade conditions and methods in the Dominion and refers, among other matters, to the proposed formation of an Association of Chambers of Commerce in the Dominion; parcel post and mail order business; exchange bank rates; the suggested development of an Industrial and Commercial Department of the New Zealand Government; mail steamers; and public works.

The Supplementary Report on the Trade Returns for 1914 gives a detailed analysis of the import statistics for that year, showing the countries of origin of the goods imported, and specifies the various classes of goods in which British manufacturers have to meet competition, and also of those in which they have opportunities of capturing what was hitherto "enemy trade."

[An article based on Mr. Wickham's Report appeared on pp. 804–6 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal."].

FOREIGN & COLONIAL PUBLICATIONS.

The following is a list of the more important Articles on trade subjects contained in the Foreign and Colonial Publications recently received and filed for reference at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, and which are open to inspection in the Reading Room of the Branch at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. :—

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Agricultural, Dairy and Forest Products.

Exportation of Flour from Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 28th May/10th June.

Flour Market at Trinidad.
"*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 23rd May.

Rice Trade of Burma in 1915-16.
"*Indian Trade Journal*" (Calcutta), 26th May.

Sheep, Lamb and Goat Skin Trade of Algeria.
"*Bulletin des Halles*" (Paris), 8th June.

Crop Conditions in Canada (Official Report).
"*Journal of Commerce*" (Montreal), 16th May.

Sheep Breeding in Tunis.
"*Bulletin des Halles*" (Paris), 6th June.

Coconut Industry in Ceylon.
"*Indian Trade Journal*" (Calcutta), 26th May.

Timber Production in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 25th May/7th June.

Sheep Industry in Canada.
"*Journal of Commerce*" (Montreal), 16th May.

Metals, Mining and Minerals.

Mining in the Cerro de Pasco District, Peru.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 10th June.

Iron and Steel Output in Germany in May.
"*Börsen - Zeitung*" (Berlin), 8th June.

Iron and Steel, Imports into and Exports from Russia in 1915.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 29th May/11th June.

Petroleum Production in Burma in 1915.
"*Rangoon Gazette*" 15th May.

Bar Iron Market in Germany in May.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 11th June.

Iron-Ore Production in the United States in 1915.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 8th June.

Zinc Industry in Upper Silesia in May.
"*Börsen - Zeitung*" (Berlin), 10th June.

Textiles and Textile Materials.

Sericultural Progress in India.
"*Indian Trade Journal*" (Calcutta), 26th May.

Raw Cotton Stocks and Prices in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 27th May/9th June.

Cotton Prospects, and Silk Market in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 25th May/7th June.

Flax Prices in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 28th May/10th June.

Shipping and Transport.

Proposed Conversion of Japanese Railways to Broad Gauge.
"*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 20th May.

Commercial, Financial and Economic.

Northern Canada: Selling by Catalogue.
"*Hardware and Metal*" (Toronto), 13th May.

Canary Islands: Trade and Economic Conditions.
Supplement to "*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 16th May.

Canada: Tariff Policy after the War.
"*Monetary Times*" (Toronto), 26th May.

China: Foreign Trade in 1915; Review of Customs Report.
"*North China Herald*" (Shanghai), 27th May.

Italy: Trade and Industries of Florence and Venice.
Supplement to "*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 17th May.

Miscellaneous.

Sea Fisheries of Brittany in 1915.
"*Bulletin des Halles*" (Paris), 3rd June.

Hog Bristle Trade of Shantung Province.
"*Commerce Reports*" (Washington), 18th May.

Nitrogen Industry of Germany: Future Possibilities for Agricultural Purposes.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 29th May.

Wood-Pulp and Cellulose Production in Russia.
"*Torgovo - Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 25th May/7th June.

Foreign and Colonial Publications.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Australia.—
NEW SOUTH WALES.—Statistical Register for 1914-15: Part 3, Shipping; Part 6, Public Finance
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Adelaide Chamber of Commerce: 66th Annual Report of the Council, 1915-16.

British India.—
Agricultural Statistics, 1914-15: Summary Tables of Areas under Crops, Live Stock, etc.
Bengal.—Chamber of Commerce: Report for 1915.

Cyprus.—Trade Statistics and Shipping, Jan.-Mar., 1916.

South Africa.—
Johannesburg.—Chamber of Commerce: Report and Year Book, 1915-16.
Orange Free State.—Chamber of Commerce: Report for 1915.

Germany.—Germany's Share of the Trade and Shipping of the World (by Professor Bernhard Harms).

United States of America.—Report for 1914-15 of the Federal Trade Commission.

Far East.—Directory for China, Japan, Corea, Indo-China, Malay States, etc., 1916

TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES IN LONDON OF THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

These Enquiry Offices are *maintained* in London at the following addresses *by the Governments indicated, viz.*:—

Dominion of Canada	19, Victoria Street, S.W.; also Portland House Basinghall Street, E.C. (Office of the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner).
Commonwealth of Australia	72, Victoria Street, S.W.
New South Wales	123-5, Cannon Street, E.C.
Victoria	Melbourne Place, Strand, W.C.
Queensland	409, West Strand, W.C.
South Australia	35, Gracechurch Street, E.C.
Western Australia	Savoy House, 115-6, Strand, W.C.
Tasmania	56, Victoria Street, S.W.
Dominion of New Zealand	13, Victoria Street, S.W.
Union of South Africa...	Trades Commissioner, 90, Cannon Street, E.C.

Trade enquiries in regard to Rhodesia may be made at the office of the British South Africa Co., 2, London Wall Buildings, E.C.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 25 weeks ended 22nd June, 1916 :—

	Week ended 22nd June, 1916.	25 Weeks ended 22nd June, 1916.	Week ended 22nd June, 1916.	25 Weeks ended 22nd June, 1916.
	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	48,637	1,581,327	3,012	60,103
Brazilian	—	141	—	100
East Indian	3,590	75,651	—	21,295
Egyptian	5,442	277,375	2,086	151,545
Miscellaneous	10,932*	72,058†	172	3,949
Total	68,601	2,006,552	5,270	236,992

* Including 885 bales British WestIndian, 1,479 bales British East African, and 906 bales foreign East African.

† Including 3,092 bales British West Indian, 1,779 bales British West African, 8,510 bales British East African, and 1,059 bales foreign East African.

Corn Prices

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn**, per quarter of 8 bushels Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 24th June, 1916, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Week ended 24th June, 1916	47	6	49	10	31	3
Corresponding Week in—						
1909	42	9	27	2	21	9
1910	29	9	19	11	17	7
1911	31	10	24	5	19	9
1912	37	10	30	2	23	11
1913	32	8	24	3	19	1
1914	34	3	25	4	20	0
1915	52	0	34	4	31	9

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that Officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial Bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 24th June, 1916, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding weeks of the two previous years.

		Week ended—		
		27th June, 1914.	26th June, 1915.	24th June, 1916.
Animals, living :—				
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ...	Number	19	78	80
Sheep and lambs	"	—	—	—
Swine	"	—	—	—
Horses	"	151	212	—
Fresh meat :—				
Beef (including refrigerated & frozen)	Cwts.	194,879	117,851	133,924
Mutton " " "	"	112,012	80,137	87,998
Pork " " "	"	5,586	1,100	8,473
Meat, unenumerated, fresh (including refrigerated and frozen) ...	"	11,616	9,688	10,487
Salted or preserved meat :—				
Bacon	Cwts.	94,068	125,546	152,785
Beef	"	506	774	1,052
Hams	"	23,336	41,167	27,093
Pork	"	4,867	343	1,137
Meat, unenumerated, salted	"	2,334	1,712	203
Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	6,892	41,232	32,155
Dairy produce and substitutes :—				
Butter	Cwts.	79,667	91,315	41,949
Margarine	"	23,342	42,865	36,593
Cheese	"	44,006	81,771	40,332
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ...	"	—	—	—
" cream	"	449	276	317
" condensed	"	20,623	34,581	45,692
" preserved, other kinds... ...	"	58	99	671
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	575,503	166,380	151,010
Poultry	Value £	5,324	1,437	137,309
Game	"	29	—	2,045
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ...	Cwts.	346	2,116	1,242
Lard	"	37,858	123,783	45,857
Corn, grain, meal and flour :—				
Wheat	Cwts.	2,667,000	2,332,800	2,004,000
Wheat-meal and flour...	"	169,200	129,000	199,400
Barley	"	574,200	44,400	265,000
Oats	"	182,600	136,100	266,400
Peas	"	27,526	9,010	3,850
Beans	"	770	6,380	1,200
Maize or Indian corn	"	1,000,600	267,600	391,200
Fruit, raw :—				
Apples	Cwts.	13,765	26,592	75,026
Apricots and peaches	"	446	31	776
Bananas	Bunches	186,713	182,435	92,641
Cherries	Cwts.	19,750	6,119	5,015
Currants	"	38,937	5,359	2,359
Gooseberries	"	4,158	1,870	8
Grapes	"	341	36	36
Lemons	"	11,246	10,584	15,090
Oranges...	"	13,500	101,898	51,058
Pears	"	630	803	61
Plums	"	3,305	120	—
Strawberries	"	719	520	276
Unenumerated	"	3,929	955	400
Hay	Tons	184	4	16
Straw	"	5	15	—
Moss Litter	"	1,025	1,965	—
Hops	Cwts.	598	3,334	6,195
Locust beans	"	740	43,200	500
Vegetables, raw :—				
Onions	Bushels.	103,093	363,602	68,770
Potatoes..	Cwts.	322,484	359,725	308,638
Tomatoes	"	30,307	35,069	60,147
Unenumerated	Value £	10,181	9,911	3,504
Vegetables, dried...	Cwts.	5,087	6,359	10,350
" preserved by canning ...	"	4,605	11,008	9,660

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH of the BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest is collected and classified in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies are given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters. As far as is possible, the Branch supplies, on personal or written application, information with regard to the following subjects: Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender and other openings for British Trade; Lists of manufacturers at home and lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Commercial Statistics; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers; Sources of Supply, Prices, &c. of Trade Products; Shipping and Transport; etc., etc.

Samples of foreign competitive goods and commercial products which are received from abroad from time to time are exhibited at the offices of the Branch.

The samples collected since the war began of goods of German and Austrian manufacture, which have been sold in British markets abroad and in certain foreign markets, have recently been exhibited at Sheffield and Liverpool; they have been exhibited at Birmingham during this week, and later will be exhibited at Manchester and Bristol. See notice on p. 864.

The British Industries Fair, 1916, was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, from 21st February to 3rd March. The Board of Trade have decided to hold another Fair in London next year (1917) from Monday, 26th February, to Friday, 9th March, inclusive. The office dealing with Fair matters is at 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

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Particulars relating to the supply of **confidential information to** firms in the United Kingdom are given on p. 863.

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H.M. TRADE COMMISSIONERS IN THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

Canada and Newfoundland...	H.M. Trade Commissioner, 363, Beaver Hall, Montreal. Telegraphic Address, "Britcom."
Commonwealth of Australia.	H.M. Trade Commissioner, Commerce House, Melbourne. Telegraphic Address, "Combrit"; and 81, Pitt Street, Sydney. Telegraphic Address, "Combritto."
New Zealand	H.M. Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 369, Wellington Telegraphic Address, "Advantage."
South Africa	H.M. Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 1346, Cape Town. Telegraphic Address, "Austere."

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 TO 1915.

Part II.—Unemployment.

Application to the Umpire.

In pursuance of Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated 26th day of March, 1912, Notice is hereby given that the Umpire (Unemployment Insurance) has received application for a decision as to whether contributions are payable or not in respect of the following classes of persons:—

361. Workmen engaged in the manufacture of canopies for perambulators.

Any representations with reference to the above application may be made in writing to the Umpire by, or on behalf of, any workman or employer appearing to him to be interested, or on behalf of the Board of Trade, and forwarded to the Registrar, Office of the Umpire, 47, Victoria Street, London, S.W., on or before 13th July, 1916.

Notice is further given that the Umpire proposes to give his decision on the above application on or after 17th July, 1916.

EXTRACT FROM REGULATIONS.

3. If before the date specified in the notice any representations with reference to the application are made in writing to the Umpire by or on behalf of any workman or employer appearing to him to be interested, or the Board of Trade, the Umpire shall take those representations into his consideration, and the Umpire may at any time before the said date require any persons to supply to him such information in writing as he thinks necessary for the purpose of enabling him to give a decision.

All such representations and information shall be open to inspection by any employer or workman appearing to the Umpire to be interested or any persons authorised in that behalf by any such employer or workman or the Board of Trade.

4. Any persons claiming to be interested may apply to the Umpire to be heard by him orally in reference to any application under these Regulations, and the Umpire may, in any case in which he thinks it desirable, require the attendance of any person before him to give oral information on the subject of any application.

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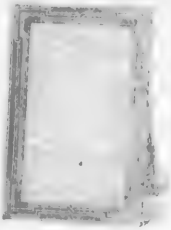

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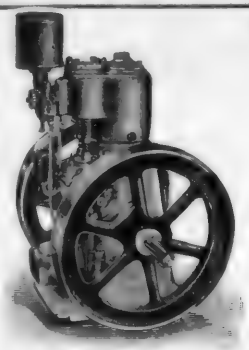

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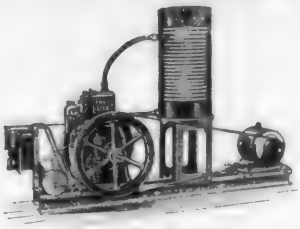

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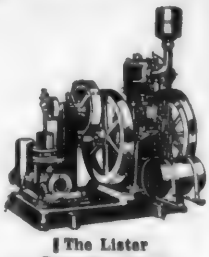

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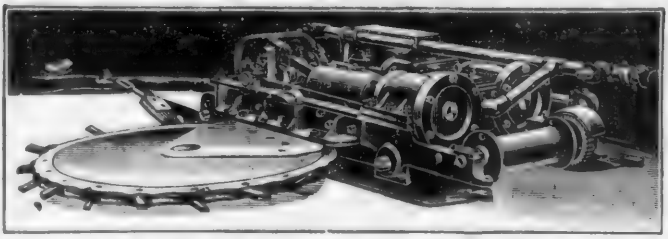

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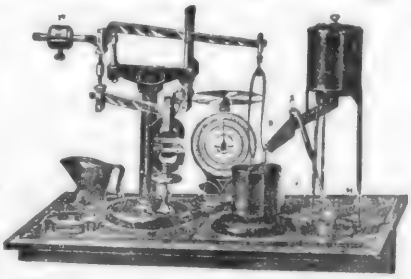

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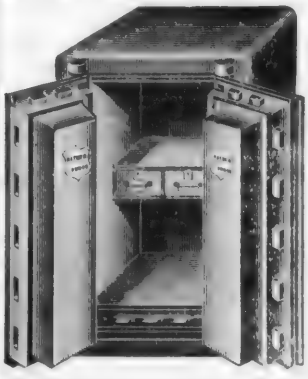

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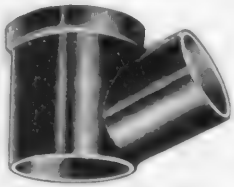

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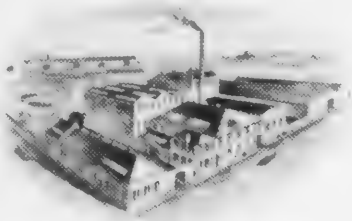
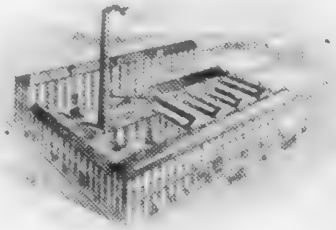

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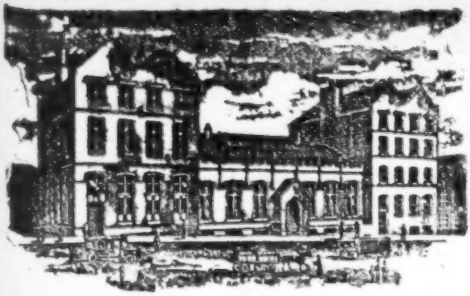

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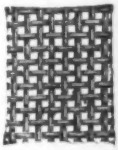

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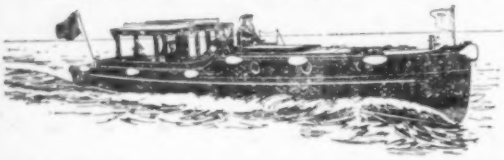

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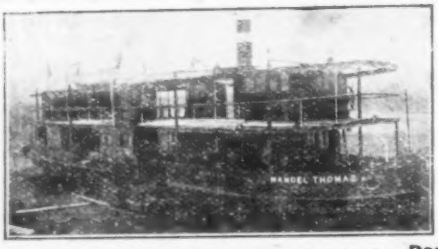

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